

books are still available. The avalanche and the...  
Hewitt has returned to spend the winter...  
George Schmitt for Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt.



There seems to be so much to write about so little space to say it. I want to say this is the Christmas issue of the Avalanche, and the Christmas mood is in the air. The Christmas mood is in the air. The Christmas mood is in the air.

Program Brings...  
The P.T.A. program...  
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Other impressions: Anthurium...  
The only real flower that looks...  
The only real flower that looks...

Local Guard Unit...  
The group will proceed from...  
The group will proceed from...

Weather...  
The weather...  
The weather...

# Merry Christmas

## Council Bans Center Street Parking

### Vikings Lose Two As Cage Season Halts For Holidays

The Grayling High Vikings dropped two basketball games last week by close scores as the basketball season was brought to a halt for the holidays. The Vikings lost to the Ironmen 52 to 34 and to the Bulldogs 34 to 20.

### Frederic Eagles Lose To Life Lake, 48-39

The Frederic Eagles, still vainly seeking the victory trail, dropped another Snowland conference game at Life Lake Friday night by the score of 48 to 39. A bad third period spell for the difference between victory and defeat for the Crawford County aggregation.

### Leesa Trudgeon Wins Merchants Christmas Gift

Leesa Trudgeon, 24-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Trudgeon, of Grayling, was the lucky winner of the Christmas gift from the Grayling Business and Professional Association.

### Local Girl Named To Detroit Conference

Miss Judy Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larson, was chosen by the Michigan Methodist Conference to represent Grayling at the Detroit Conference of the Detroit Conference of the Detroit Conference.

### Local Guard Unit Enjoys Christmas Party

Drill hour for 17 December 1957. The group will proceed from the Grayling High School to the Grayling High School for a Christmas party.

### Grayling Bowling League

American Bowling League  
December 17, 1957

Cornell Agency	45
Vita Bar	31
Baringer	36
Uncle Al	33
Grayling Lumber Co.	33

### NOTICE

In order to afford the staff of the Crawford County Avalanche a short vacation, next week's edition of the Avalanche will go to press early. You will receive your issue as usual.

### Retail Trade Aided By Local Income Gains

New York, Dec. 16 — The first facts and figures revealing the amount of retail business done in Crawford County up to the middle of this year have just been released.

### National League

1. Drewry's	41
2. Don's Radio Shop	39
3. B. & C. Super Market	37 1/2
4. Oldsmobile Rockets	33
5. Strohs	32 1/2
6. Blatz	32
7. Anderson Plumbing	31
8. Speedway "79"	31
9. Wayside Inn	29 1/2
10. Wharf's Dinner Bell, 2	28 1/2
11. Wharf's Dinner Bell, 1	28 1/2
12. Grayling Restaurant	26
13. Goebel	25
14. Bear Archery	24
15. B. C. D.	24
16. Henderson's	21

### High Single Team

Drewry's 950, Don's Radio Shop 908, Drewry's 907.

### High Single Individual

Sawyer 580, D. Leslie 573, Swanson 546.

### High Single Individual

Swanson 234, Trudeon 233, Sawyer 223.

### 5 High Average

Baker 175, Madson 175, Dean 173, Sawyer 173, Quinn 171.

### RECREATION LEAGUE

Dec. 18, 1957

1. Speedway 79	47 1/2
2. Manly's Motel	42
3. Blatz	42
4. Mt. Hope	42
5. Drewry's	38
6. Goebels 22	33 1/2
7. Goebel Gas, Inc.	32
8. Strohs	30 1/2
9. Bear Archery	29 1/2
10. Wharf's	27
11. Olsons Shoes	26
12. Grayling Merc.	25
13. Spikes	25
14. Shoppengans Inn	22
15. Dingmans Tavern	22
16. Hartman's Fly Shop	22
Team high series: Mt. Hope 2218	
Blatz 2168, Speedway 2007.	
Team high single: Blatz 768	
Mt. Hope 746, Speedway 729.	
High single: L. Wheeler 229	
E. Weiss 181, G. Nielson 179.	
Blatz 2168, Speedway 2007.	
E. Weiss 491, E. Burtch 478.	
Speedway 79 are champs for first half of bowling season.	

### Northwood League

Friday, December 20, 1957  
Standings for First Half

Champs—Alley Kats 42  
2. Sorenson's I.G.A. 41  
3. Cornell Agency 41  
4. Blatz 38  
5. B. & C. Super 36  
6. Peterson Hardware 36  
7. Moroney's Cabins 36  
8. Forbe's Motel 36  
9. Wayside Inn 36  
10. Tip Top Togs 31  
11. Carl's Beauty Shop 27  
12. Chevrolet 24 1/2  
13. Bear Archery 24 1/2  
14. Burns Hardware 19  
15. Lake Margrethe 17  
16. Mac's Drug 12  
17. Hunter picked up 6-7-10 split.

### Roscommon Girl Dies In Car Crash

Shirley Jean Johnson, 19, of Roscommon, was fatally injured Wednesday night, December 18, when the automobile in which she was riding skidded on an icy county highway and crashed into a tree.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

The Grayling City Council meeting in a special session at the City Hall last Thursday evening voted unanimously to ban center street parking in the two blocks on Michigan avenue from Peninsular to Norway streets.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

The ban on such parking will take effect on January 1, 1958. The action was taken by the Council due to the hazard such parked cars make for the moving traffic.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

Another reason, and probably the most important, is the movement of pedestrians between the parked cars out in the flow of traffic. The driver of the moving car can not see the pedestrian while he is walking between the parked cars.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

The Council also voted to reduce the electric rate for commercial users of light and power from the Grayling Municipal light plant.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

The rate decrease will save commercial users, whose bills are much higher than those of a home about \$4,200 a year.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

The rate decrease will take effect on the first of the year. A heavy increase in the production of power at the plant was the main reason for the decrease.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

The total for 1957 is expected to reach 6 million, 3 hundred and fifty thousand kilowatts. The increase in production causes increase in some operational expenses, however other costs do not increase.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

The savings to all users of power from the Grayling plant now amounts to about \$42,000 per year in the same short span of 5 years.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

The average income per kilowatt hour in 1952 to the City of Grayling was 2.2 cents in 1957 it is 2.2 cents. Multiplying the 7 mills savings against the over 6 million kilowatts generated gives a savings of more than \$42,000.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

A higher rate in production or a cut in the cost of fuel oil may in the future bring further savings to the consumer, City Manager Carlson said. The customers will receive the best rate of service while maintaining a sound business policy, City Manager Carlson stated.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

Patients registered at Mercy Hospital this week included: Gerald Ann, Jerry Biskner, Minnie Babbitt, Clara Blawie, Grace Christopher, Mary Ann, Gloria Hance, Charles Hance, Roy, Ed Cross, Fredrick, Norma, Auble, Grace Gardner, Irene Skagerberg and Esther Ostling of Roscommon; Herbert Uppler of Lyon; Rev. D. D. Brady, Rev. John A. Hice, Rev. J. Lewis and Rev. Carl Ferguson will officiate at services at the Congregational Church. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Lyon Twp., Higgins Lake.

### Also Cuts Rate For Commercial Electric Users

The March of Dimes will launch its 1958 polio fund campaign here and throughout the country in January. The campaign is a drive to help disabled polio patients "comeback" from helplessness to usefulness.

The Salk vaccine developed by the March of Dimes has scored dramatically in preventing paralytic polio cases, officials say, but during the last year it has been necessary to spend a total of \$21,700,000 in March of Dimes funds on the care and rehabilitation of patients. These patients numbered 57,800 of whom 53,000 were victims of old attacks.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

For the past few years efforts have been made by the chamber of commerce and civic officials of cities along US-27 to have US-27, "The Main Street of Michigan," changed to a class A highway to take the heaviest trucks. These efforts have been to little avail.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

Last week, however, it was announced by State Highway Commissioner John Mackie that US-27 on December 15 was declared a class A highway. Although the announcement did not bring a celebration in the cities and towns along the state's main north-south route, the move was hailed by almost everyone who lives in or near this great trunkline.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

Industries have contended that this was only a "paper" move, backs against locating plants in Northern Michigan.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

When Mackie let the bars down on hauling he also opened the state's main north-south highway to the straits was opened up to the "heavies". US-27 was opened from Grayling to the straits, M-76 from West Branch to US-27, M-68 to Spaul at Algonson, US-131 to Petoskey and US-31 from Traverse City to the straits and M-55 from Cadillac to Manistee and US-23 from Rogersville to the straits.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

Technically a class A highway sets the limit at 16,000 pounds per axle less than 9 feet apart — or it means that 6,000 pounds more per tandem axle can be carried over US-27 than was previously.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

A heavy volume of truck traffic is expected to roll south through Michigan from the north, particularly part of the United States and Canada as a result of the change. US-2 which extends west from the straits bridge through the Upper Peninsula is already a class A highway.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

In the north, it will be that the turnstiles at the straits bridge will click as the "heavies" rumble both north and south over the multi-million dollar structure.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

Michigan State Highway Department will be experimenting with a very pistol in Crawford County at night in their location of the new US-27 highway.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

Since the new highway is a report and flash of light with the use of this device, it is hoped that those who have been tracing the spunkits will not confuse the two.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

Services Thursday for Roy Frasier. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon, December 26, at 2 P. M. at the Congregational Church in Roscommon for Roy A. Frasier, who passed away at his home on Sunday morning, December 22, following a lingering illness of four months. Roy was well known in the community, having lived here for the past 28 years.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

He was born April 14th, 1885, the son of Fred and Flora Frasier, at Henderson Harbor, New York. At the age of 14 he enlisted in the Spanish American war and served in the Philippines.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

He was the youngest of six children. He had the distinction of being the youngest Spanish American War Veteran in the United States.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

He came to Higgins Lake in 1929 and worked for the War Veterans' Shelter. Here he met and married Evelyn Heidemann in 1930.

### US-27 Classed A, Watch For Heavy Truck Traffic

Roy was a member of Hazen Prison Camp, N. D. He was Higgins Houghton Post No. 4159, V. F. W., and the Past Commander of C. of M. He was a member of the Michigan Legion. He was a member of the Michigan Legion. He was a member of the Michigan Legion.

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**Merry Christmas!**  
to each of you

**DON LEGG STANDARD SERVICE**

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Christmas!**

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STANDARD OIL AGENT**

We see the happiness of Christmas in the enchanted eyes of tiny children... in the joyous glances of fathers and mothers... We see it in the sparkle of twinkling lights on Christmas trees. Even the stars have a frostier, gayer glitter on Christmas Eve! And so, in that happy spirit... we say "Merry Christmas... thanks for all past favors... and may you have the happiest Yuletide ever."

**MERRY  
Christmas**

**McEvers Motor Sales**

**BUICK — GMC TRUCKS — SALES AND SERVICE**

## Traverse City To Hold Golden Gloves Tourney

Traverse City, Mich. — Final details for the second annual Golden Gloves District tournament were worked out at a meeting of the St. Francis Center for the Blind and the Record-Eagle, co-sponsors of the fight program this year, and a general invitation was issued to all northern cities to send a team for the eliminations which will begin here during the week of January 18th in the St. Francis gym.

Invitations are being sent to Petoskey, Cadillac, Manistee, Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Grayling, Gaylord, American Soo and many other towns requesting them to try and interest boys in this sport. Many towns already have a well organized program and sent teams to the district meet here a year ago.

Special emphasis will be spent on the novice division this year, as it was felt that the greater interest was among boys and the fans too, for that matter. A new ruling by the state officials was put into effect this year regarding service boxes. They state that in the future all service boxes would automatically compete in the open division. It was felt in some quarters that these boys were more experienced than the average novice and that this may have discouraged boys from competing in the annual Golden Gloves tournament.

Application blanks will be sent to the various centers in the near future and it is hoped that a rough entry list might be formed in order that the schedule at the gym here can be cleared in sufficient time.

The present plan calls for boxing on the night of the 17th and 18th in preliminary matches. The finals in each group will then be held on February 1st. This interval would permit minor cuts to heal in plenty of time for the championship matches. It would also eliminate the possibility of winning boxers having to fight several matches within a space of a few days.

## ALIENS AGAIN MUST REPORT IN JANUARY

Mr. Walter A. Sahli, District Director, Detroit, Michigan, of the Immigration and Naturalization Service stated that the annual alien address report program usually causes a sharp rise in the number of applications for naturalization.

The law requires all aliens in the United States, with few exceptions, to report their address each January. Throughout the United States, almost thirty percent more applications for naturalization are received during the months of January, February, and March than are received during other months. Mr. Walter A. Sahli attributes this sudden rise to the Alien Address Report Program.

Aliens not required to make this report are diplomats, those accredited to certain international organizations and those who have entered temporarily as agricultural laborers.

Forms for making the reports will be available to aliens at all

Post Office and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service during the month of January. Mr. Walter A. Sahli indicated that aliens desiring information concerning naturalization or similar matters should obtain the forms at an office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service where personnel trained in these fields will be available to answer inquiries.

**Cravford County Avalanche**  
Thursday, December 26, 1957

May this Season radiate its warmth into the very corners of your heart and home. In this wish, we join your many friends in wishing your health, happiness and prosperity.

**Merry  
Christmas**

**HANSON'S CAFE**

**A  
B  
C  
Beautiful  
Christmas**

May the spirit that makes Christmas the greatest day of all days be yours throughout the coming year.

**AU SABLE SERVICE STATION**

**FLOYD COLE, Prop.**

**A  
MERRY  
Christmas**



**To All**

**THE GRAYLING AGENCY**

**John Braun    Melvin K. Nelson    Olga Nelson**  
**Owner            Solicitor            Secretary**

## BITS O' TALK

Mr. and Mrs. James Cariveau left for Detroit Monday to spend Christmas with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cariveau and family. Mrs. Lewis Stillwagon and Mrs. Ed Lowrie spent Tuesday of last week in Traverse City. Miss Martha Stillwagon arrived Friday from CMC at Mt. Pleasant to spend the holidays with her parents.

Jay Doty, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Covert and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ehl of the Grayling branch of the Fuelgas Co., Inc., were in Houghton Lake Saturday evening to attend a Christmas party given by the Houghton Lake office.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder and daughter, Miss Peggy of Bay City are spending Christmas with her mother Mrs. Oscar Hanson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Billsby and family visited his parents, the Earl Billsbys, at Shepherd, weekend before last.

Before you buy your diamond, see Davis Jeweler.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duley and Mr. and Mrs. Les Goss and family attended the Robert Duley, Margaret Simon wedding in Pinconning Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock at St. Michael's church. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duley, Jim's brother. The Duleys drove down Friday night to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz. Mr. and Mrs. Goss and family were overnight guests Friday in Bay City with her, sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lalonde.

The Just Us Club met Tuesday night of last week at the home of Mrs. William MacLeod, to hold their annual Christmas party. The group staged some contests for amusement, in which Mrs. Clement Blaine and Mrs. Sam Gust were winners. There was a gift exchange, during which secret pals for the year were disclosed, then new ones chosen. A tasty luncheon in the Christmas motif was also a welcome part of the evening.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Long were her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cassell and son Jim of Detroit. The Longs and the Cassells and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long were Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Cassell.

Miss Claudette Long of Central Michigan College at Mt. Pleasant arrived home Friday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Long. David Schneider of Midland came Saturday to escort Miss Claudette to the Christmas Ball and to spend Sunday visiting at her home.

Miss Shirley Malloy, who arrived Friday from Mt. Pleasant, CMC to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Malloy, expected to spend Christmas day at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Hollie Luter, in Freeland the guest of Mel Luter.

The Penny Pinchers Home Extension group met December 10th at the home of Mrs. Don Robenmeyer, then proceeded in a body to Wharf's Dinner Bell Inn for a Christmas dinner. Following this they regathered at the home of Mrs. Earl Broadbent for gift exchange and an evening of games.

A dessert luncheon served by Mrs. Broadbent concluded the evening. The group will meet next on January 7th at the home of Mrs. Junior Palmer.

Miss Claudette Long was maid of honor at the wedding of her cousin, Wayne Ann Smucker, to Raymond Torbit, in Dearborn, on December 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson spent Christmas in Detroit, visiting their daughter Elizabeth, and Mrs. Anderson's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Shano.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wakeley and family were to be Christmas dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and family, in Maple Forest. Also expected were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Papenfus of Roscommon and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stillwagon, and Mrs. Jeanine Cruse of Flint.

David Lowe and Richard Hamilton of Alpena Community College arrived home Friday to spend until January 5th with their families, the George Lowes and the Buell Hamiltons.

Ronnie Schofield of Michigan State U. arrived Tuesday of last week from Lansing to visit his parents, the John Schofields, until next Friday, when he returns to register for the second term.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schofield and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Lowe and family, Miss Doris Lowe, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. David Lowe in Mio. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Schofield of CMC, Mt. Pleasant, who arrived last weekend to spend the holiday vacation with their parents, the John A. Schofields and the Arthur Wakeleys, visited the David Lowes in Mio on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith and children Terry and Kim left Saturday for Escanaba to visit his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Soderberg. They expect to visit Mrs. Smith's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dupuis at Lake Linden, during their week's stay, also.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kesseler of Michigan State U. at East Lansing spent Wednesday and last Thursday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kesseler. They continued on up north to spend their honeymoon on...

## CHRISTMAS

**Greeting's**

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**705 Ogemaw Bookkeeping Service Phone 3782**

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and sincere wishes  
for Christmas*

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**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL  
OUR FRIENDS AND A HAPPY AND  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.**

**JOHN AND WILMA LUDEMAN**

**Merry**

In the Spirit of the Season, we join with your many friends in wishing you the best of all the good things of life in the

**Christmas**

**CORWIN AUTO SALES  
INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS**

*A wish  
for your  
happiness at Christmas*

**F. A. Davis Jewellery-Gifts**



## GREETINGS For Everyone...

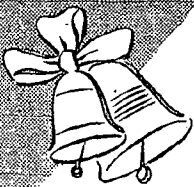
With our good wishes go our heartfelt thanks for  
your patronage and support.



ANDERSON HARDWARE CO.

happy holiday

It is in this spirit that we  
send you greetings...and  
wish you a very Merry  
Christmas. May its laughter  
and its friendships and good  
cheer be yours in abundance  
in this joyous season.



BOGER BARBER SHOP

## Greetings

Christmas brings us thoughts of  
friends, good times, and all that's  
brightest and best of life and the  
highest happiness.

It makes us think of those we  
serve, or know, or wish to know.  
It strengthens all the bonds of  
feeling and friendship, one to  
another.



LOZON'S STORE  
FREDERIC

## Christmas Tree Legends

The trimmed Christmas tree, as we know it today, is less than a century and a half old, yet legends trace the origin of the tree back to earliest times.

One legend concerns an early Christmas missionary, St. Wilfred, who once came upon a band of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

According to the story, St. Wilfred had the tree cut down and almost immediately, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of new faith and thereafter the Druids set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime, surrounding it with feasting and laughter and love.

There is also the story of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt. With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, it was still necessary that Mary rest awhile so they sought shelter in the low trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the hidden little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. Today, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was really an apple tree. And, although the fir tree has long since replaced its predecessor for Christmas use, the tinsel baubles we use on the tree are said representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.

## State G.O.P. Battles To Keep Last Elective Stronghold - Legislature

Republicans Will Fight to keep their last elective stronghold, the Michigan legislature.

A special committee has been set up to concentrate a 1958 campaign in the "swing" districts, those where the Democratic-Republican vote was 20 per cent apart, or less.

Main concentration will be to keep the 59 Republican House seats. Democrats now have 51, enough to block 20 per cent on some major issues.

Republicans are less fearful that the Democrats will take over the Senate, where they hold a 23 to 11 edge.

The committee, however, has singled out the 18th district of Senator John B. Swainson (D-Detroit), minority leader, for special attention along with other close Detroit districts.

Superimposed over the contests is the automatic vote in 1958 on a proposal to call a constitutional convention.

Technically, a convention could

re-write the entire state constitution—last re-written in 1908—and upset the 1952 reapportionment of the legislature now in effect.

Republicans contend that present reapportionment plans create a "balanced legislature," basing House membership on population of the state and the Senate on geographical areas.

Democrats contend that the plan was devised especially to keep the House in rural Republican hands. They would like to change this. GOP leaders fear a new plan would permit Wayne and Oakland counties to control the entire state.

The issue has split the parties with Republicans opposed to a convention, which could upset present apportionment; Democrats favoring a convention for the same reason.

Under present law, the convention membership has three members from each senatorial district. This maintains the ratio of senatorial votes, each party has in the legislature.

Universities and Colleges, facing their biggest financial crisis in years, will go before the legislature again with a plan to finance construction with student fees.

The fees were increased 10 per cent last year at legislative insistence but a last-minute maneuver killed the plan to use the money for bond issues to finance new buildings.

Financial experts in Lansing predict the plan will again clash head-on with a Republican pledge to hold the line on spending for another year for completion of two tax studies.

Another attempt will be made to tag the state's farm products with a "seal of quality" or a "Michigan's Best" label this year. Most major farm groups already have supported the idea, which has been offered annually since 1949.

It will be part of a big farm program to be presented to the 1958 legislature, following a series of conferences with agricultural leaders.

Controversy for a number of new sources is worrying Democrats as 1957 nears its end.

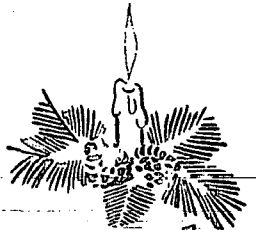
Gov. Williams replaced the state labor commissioner, John Reid, with a UAW official from Lansing, Russell White. Reid immediately charged the UAW forced his resignation.

He charged that the union wanted to use the department to harass employers. Two weeks after replacing Reid and a week after Reid made his charges, Williams still had not answered them.

Still another controversy involves a letter written by Alfred Fitt, the governor's legal advisor, to the state parole board asking that Pete Mahoney, prison inmate be released.

The letter argued that Mahoney, sentenced for armed robbery, was given a stiff term—25 to 40 years—because officials felt he knew something about the murder of former State Senator Warren G. Hooper.

SEASON'S GREETINGS  
WITH REGARDS AND  
BEST WISHES TO ALL



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

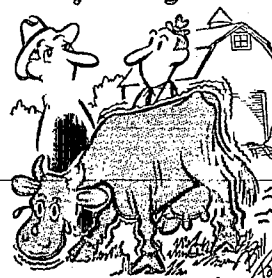
Grayling  
ELECTRIC AND  
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## Name As a Michigan Week 1



Ed L. Moloney, Cheboygan banker, has been named Michigan Week chairman for the Northeastern region. Announcement of the appointment was made by General Chairman Edward J. Hekman, president of Hekman

## My Neighbors



"You're darn right she'll give milk—just tell her the market price of beef!"

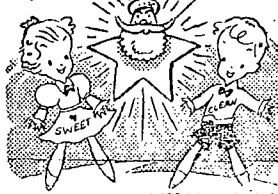
Biscuit Company, Grand Rapids. Mr. Moloney will name chairmen for each of Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Otsego, Montmorency, Ionia, Crawford, Oscoda and Ionia counties which comprise the region.

"This year's observance, particularly in the Northeastern region, should be the finest thus far," Mr. Moloney said. "With the event coming shortly before the formal dedication of the Mackinac Straits Bridge, it takes on added significance. It will be the first Michigan Week celebration with the two peninsulas united physically, as well as culturally and economically. In this area we will go all out to present an outstanding program."

President of the Cheboygan State Savings Bank, Mr. Moloney was one of Michigan's hotel operators for 20 years.

## Sweet & Clean

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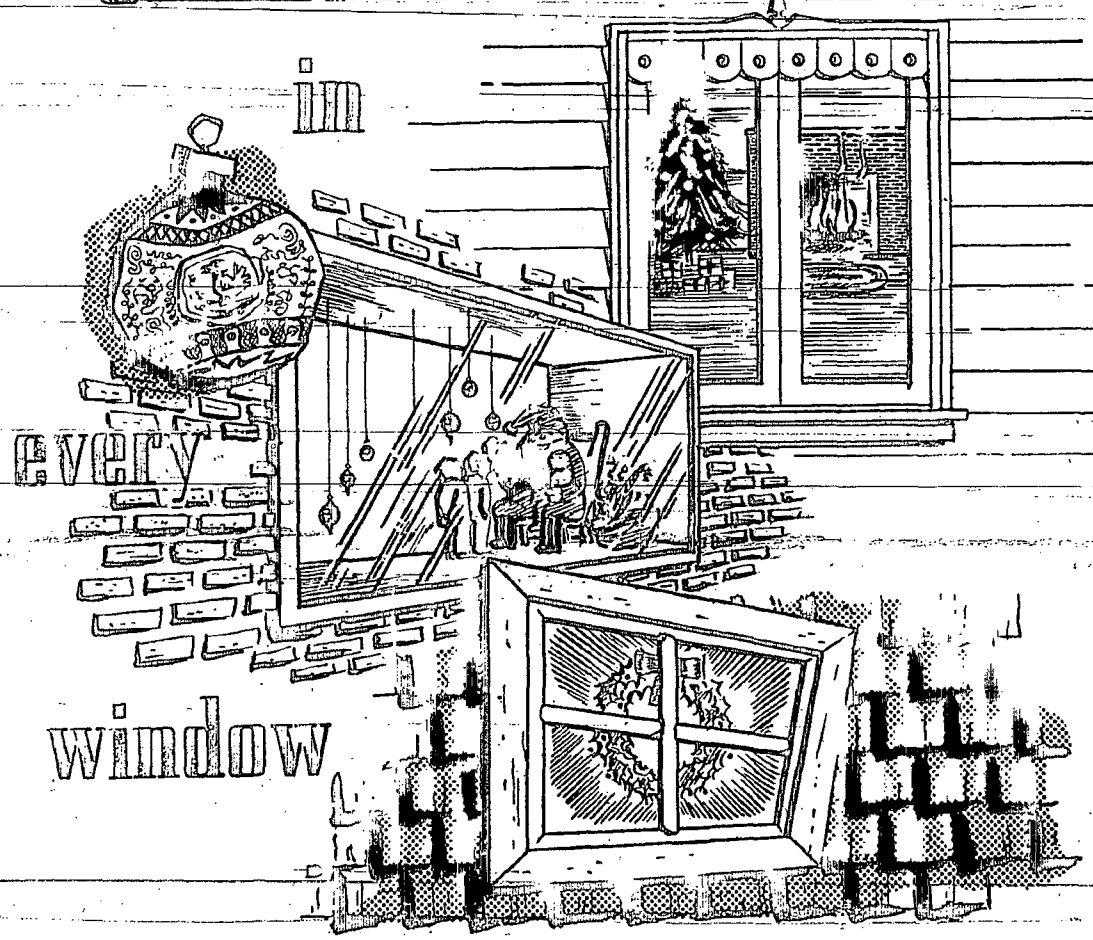


We're hoping you'll have a most  
glorious Christmas.

GRAYLING RESTAURANT

JOE CINCIALA, Prop.

## CHRISTMAS



In every window is the evidence that once again we are at that special time of the year...Christmas. Not only in the windows but in the faces and actions of those around us. Our thoughts at this season are of the many fine folks we have had the pleasure of serving this past year. Our best Christmas wishes to all of you.

WELSH MOTOR SALES

"Your Friendly Ford Dealer"

## Christmas Time

MORE than two thousand years ago, three Wise Men followed the Star of Bethlehem to a manger...the humble birthplace of Him who was to bring a new spirit into the World...the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." Today, as in all the years between, that spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of all mankind...calling us to church on this, our Savior's natal day...to lift our voices in those beloved old Christmas hymns and carols...and lift our hearts anew with the courage and Hope of His message.

## YOUR CRAWFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS

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County Clerk

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### LEGAL NOTICES

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
The Probate Court for the  
County of Crawford  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Thomas Edgar Douglas, Jr. (also  
known as Edgar Douglas), Deceased.  
At a session of said Court, held  
on December 5th, 1957.

Present, Honorable James V.  
Rutledge, Acting Judge of Probate.  
Notice is hereby given, That all  
creditors of said deceased are re-  
quired to present their claims in  
writing and under oath, to said  
Court, and to serve a copy there-  
of upon Thomas E. Douglas of  
Grayling, Michigan, fiduciary of  
said estate, and that such claims  
will be heard by said Court at the  
Probate Office on February 21,  
1958, at 10 a. m.

It is Ordered, That notice there-  
of be given by publication of a  
copy hereof for three weeks con-  
secutively previous to said day of  
hearing, in the Crawford Av-  
alanche, and that the fiduciary  
cause a copy of this notice to be  
served upon each known party in  
interest at his last known address  
by registered mail, return receipt  
demanded, at least fourteen (14)  
days prior to such hearing, or by  
personal service at least five (5)  
days prior to such hearing.

James V. Rutledge  
Acting Judge of Probate  
A true copy:  
James V. Rutledge  
Acting Judge of Probate  
12-19-57

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
The Probate Court for the  
County of Crawford  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
William Joseph Floeter, deceased.  
At a session of said Court, held  
on the 10th day of December, A.  
D. 1957.

Present, Hon. Beulah Neafie,  
Judge of Probate.  
It appearing to the Court that  
the time for presentation of claims  
against said estate should be lim-  
ited, and that a time and place  
be appointed to receive, examine  
and adjust all claims and demands  
against said deceased by and be-  
fore said Court; and the legal heirs  
of said deceased entitled to inherit  
the estate of which said deceased  
deceased should be adjudicated  
and determined.

It is Ordered, that all of the  
creditors of said deceased are re-  
quired to present their claims in  
writing and under oath as provid-  
ed by statute, to said Court at said  
Probate Office, and to serve a  
copy thereof either by registered  
mail or by personal service upon  
Edwin F. Floeter, the fiduciary of  
said estate whose address is Box  
243, Roscommon, Michigan, on or  
before the 21st day of February,  
A. D. 1958, at 2 o'clock in the

afternoon, said time and place be-  
ing hereby appointed for the ex-  
amination and adjustment of all  
claims and demands against said  
deceased, and for the adjudication  
and determination of the heirs at  
law of said deceased at the time  
of his death entitled to inherit the  
estate of which the deceased died  
seized.

It is Further Ordered, that pub-  
lication of a copy of this order  
once each week for three succes-  
sive weeks previous to said day of  
hearing, in the Crawford Av-  
alanche, a newspaper printed and  
circulated in said County.

Beulah Neafie,  
Judge of Probate.  
A true copy:  
Beulah Neafie,  
Judge of Probate.  
12-19-57

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
The Probate Court for the  
County of Crawford  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Martha Mary Douglas, Deceased.  
At a session of said Court, held  
on December 5, 1957.

Present, Honorable James V.  
Rutledge, Acting Judge of Probate.  
Notice is hereby given, That all  
creditors of said deceased are re-  
quired to present their claims in  
writing and under oath, to said  
Court, and to serve a copy there-  
of upon Margaret M. Douglas of  
Grayling, Michigan, fiduciary of  
said estate, and that such claims  
will be heard by said Court at the  
Probate Office on February 21,  
1958, at 10 a. m.

It is Ordered, That notice there-  
of be given by publication of a  
copy hereof for three weeks con-  
secutively previous to said day of  
hearing, in the Crawford Av-  
alanche, and that the fiduciary  
cause a copy of this notice to be  
served upon each known party in  
interest at his last known address  
by registered mail, return receipt  
demanded, at least fourteen (14)  
days prior to such hearing, or by  
personal service at least five (5)  
days prior to such hearing.

James V. Rutledge  
Acting Judge of Probate  
A true copy:  
James V. Rutledge  
Acting Judge of Probate  
12-19-57

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
The Probate Court for the  
County of Crawford  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Marion R. McDaniel, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held  
on the 9th day of December, 1957.

Present, Honorable Beulah  
Neafie, Judge of Probate.  
Notice is hereby given, That all  
creditors of said deceased are re-  
quired to present their claims in  
writing and under oath, to said  
Court, and to serve a copy there-  
of upon Ward F. Ellison of Gray-  
ling, Michigan, fiduciary of said  
estate, and that such claims will  
be heard by said Court at the  
Probate Office on February 21,  
1958, at 10:00 a. m.

It is Ordered, That notice there-  
of be given by publication of a  
copy hereof for three weeks con-  
secutively previous to said day of  
hearing, in the Crawford County  
Avalanche, and that the fiduciary  
cause a copy of this notice to be  
served upon each known party in  
interest at his last known address  
by registered mail, return receipt  
demanded, at least fourteen (14)  
days prior to such hearing, or by  
personal service at least five (5)  
days prior to such hearing.

Beulah Neafie  
Judge of Probate  
A true copy:  
Beulah Neafie  
Judge of Probate  
Ward F. Ellison,  
Attorney  
Grayling, Michigan  
12-19-57

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
The Circuit Court for the  
County of Crawford  
IN CHANCERY  
John Bruun, Plaintiff

Vs.  
F. Byron Cutler, W. S. Edely, B.  
W. Cutler, Benjamin W. Gubill,  
N. P. Salling, Mary Staib, J. C.  
Calkwell, Laura S. Simpson, and  
John A. Smith, or their unknown  
Heirs, Devises, Legatees and  
Assigns.

Defendants  
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
At a session of said Court held  
at the Courthouse in the City of  
West Branch, in said Circuit, on  
the 17th day of December, 1957.

Present, Honorable John C.  
Shaffer, Circuit Judge.

On reading and filing the bill of  
complaint in said cause and the  
affidavit of Charles E. Moore at-  
tached thereto, from which it sat-  
isfactorily appears to the court  
that the defendants above named,  
or their unknown heirs, devisees,  
legatees and assigns, are proper  
and necessary parties defendant  
in the above entitled cause; and  
It further appearing that after  
diligent search and inquiry it can-  
not be ascertained, and it is not  
known whether or not said defen-  
dants are living or dead, or where  
any of them may reside if living,  
and if dead, whether they have  
personal representatives or heirs  
living or where they or some of  
them may reside, and further that

the present whereabouts of said  
defendants are unknown, and that  
the names of the persons who are  
included therein without being  
named, but who are embraced  
herein under the title of unknown  
heirs, devisees, legatees and as-  
signs, cannot be ascertained after  
diligent search and inquiry.

On motion of Charles E. Moore,  
attorney for the plaintiff, it is  
ordered that the said defendants  
and their unknown heirs, devisees,  
legatees and assigns, cause their  
appearance to be entered in this  
cause within three months from  
the date of this order, and in de-  
fault thereof that said bill of com-  
plaint be taken as confessed by  
said defendants, their unknown  
heirs, devisees, legatees and  
assigns.

It is further ordered that with-  
in forty days plaintiff cause a  
copy of this order to be published  
in the Crawford County Av-  
alanche, a newspaper printed, pub-  
lished and circulated in said  
county, such publication to be  
continued therein once in each  
week for six weeks in succession.

John C. Shaffer  
Circuit Judge  
Countersigned:  
Leo E. Lovely  
Clerk of the Court  
TAKE NOTICE, that this suit,  
in which the foregoing order was  
duly made, involves and is brought  
to quiet title to the following de-  
scribed piece or parcel of land sit-  
uate and being in the Township

A true copy:  
Beulah Neafie  
Judge of Probate.  
12-19-57

**Road Commis-**  
**sioners Minutes**

December 6, 1957.  
A regular meeting of the Board  
of Crawford County Road Com-  
missioners was held in their office  
Grayling. The meeting was called  
to order by Comm. Johnson.  
Members present, Comms. John-  
son, Corsaut, Richmond and Supt.  
Carlson. Absent, none.

Voucher No. 4266 covering pay-  
roll No. 25 and Vouchers No.  
4267 to 4296 presented to the  
Board for approval. Motion  
made by Comm. Corsaut, support-  
ed by Comm. Richmond, that  
Vouchers No. 4266 to 4296 be al-  
lowed and warrants ordered  
drawn for the respective amounts.  
All voted in favor, motion carried.  
Payroll No. 25 \$5,258.11

Automotive Parts and  
Supply Co. 30.35  
Black and White Grocery 1.00  
Burns Hardware and  
Furniture 2.62  
City of Grayling 200.00  
Consumers Power Co. 18.62  
Contractor Publishing Co. 28.50  
Corwin Auto Sales 195.10  
The Crawford Avalanche 21.50  
Del's Auto Sales 47.45  
Fochtman Motor Co. 303.23  
Grayling Electric and  
Heating 22.95  
Grayling Lumber and  
Supply Co. 22.98  
J. E. Plumbing and  
Heating 60.55  
The Jennison Hardware  
Co. 48.40  
Johnson Oil Co. 538.64  
Leonard Refractories 1,235.52  
The Lower Co. 28.98  
Michigan State Industries 584.65  
John McEvers 150.00  
McEvers Motor Sales 27.89  
Osceola Refining Co., Inc. 402.34  
V. V. Seaman Co. 18.08  
Short Freight Lines 47.18  
Standard Oil Co. 1,327.65  
Steel Tank and Fabricat-  
ing Co. 698.80  
Stevenson-Brown 9.41  
Truck Hardware Products  
Inc. 8.04  
Tufts Distributing Co.,  
Inc. 320.92  
Union Office Supply Co. 19.81  
Welsh Motor Sales 52.09  
Zeder Motor Sales 1.05  
General Ronald McDonald, M.  
N. G., appeared before the Board  
regarding the M. N. G. Activities  
in Crawford County.

A letter from the Consumers  
Power Company requesting a  
blanket tree trimming permit read  
by Supt. Carlson. Motion by  
Comm. Corsaut supported by  
Comm. Richmond that the Con-  
sumers Power Company be grant-  
ed a tree trimming permit in  
Crawford County. All voted in  
favor, motion carried.  
Motion made by Comm. Corsaut.

**Grayling**  
**Radio & TV**

May your Christmas  
be bounteous and  
full of good cheer.

**SEASON'S**  
**GREETINGS**

**AU SABLE**  
**Restaurant**

**Best Greetings**

It is Christmastime again — when more than at any  
other time our thoughts are of our friends.

There are wonderful riches in friendships — and it  
is this friendly feeling toward others that really  
makes Christmas the happy day it is.

**Wm. Long**  
Plymouth - Dodge  
Sales and Service  
Frederic

**MORSEMOORE LANE INN**  
On US-27 Between Grayling and Gaylord

of Maple Forest, Crawford Coun-  
ty, Michigan, described as follows  
to-wit:  
The Southwest quarter of North-  
east quarter (SW 1/4 of NE 1/4) of  
Section 20, Town 28 North, Range  
3 West.

Charles E. Moore  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Grayling, Michigan  
26-2-9-16-23-30

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
The Probate Court for the  
County of Crawford

At a session of said Court, held  
at the Probate office, in the City  
of Grayling in said County, on the  
18th day of December A. D. 1957.

Present, Honorable Beulah  
Neafie, Judge of Probate.

In re:  
Arthur B. Horton, Deceased.

Orpha Horton Piel having filed  
in said Court her petition pray-  
ing that the administration of said  
estate be granted to Charles E.  
Moore, attorney at law of Gray-  
ling, Michigan or to some other  
suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 10th day  
of January A. D. 1958 at 10 o'clock  
in the forenoon, at said Probate  
office, be and is hereby appointed  
for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That pub-  
lication of a copy of this order  
once each week for three succes-  
sive weeks previous to said day  
of hearing, in the Crawford Coun-  
ty Avalanche a newspaper printed  
and circulated in said County.

Beulah Neafie  
Judge of Probate  
A true copy:  
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Judge of Probate.  
12-19-57

**Road Commis-**  
**sioners Minutes**

December 8, 9, 10, 1957.  
Commissioners Johnson, Cor-  
saut and Richmond and Supt.  
Carlson and Secretary Russell left  
December 8, about 2:00 P. M. for  
Grand Rapids to attend a Road  
Commissioners, Engineers and  
Superintendents and Clerks con-  
ference.

The group returned to Grayling  
December 10th, 1957, about 4:30  
P. M.  
Harold T. Johnson, Chairman  
UHarley Russell, Secretary.

**My Neighbors**

"Let's play the skin-game  
known as 'Federal grants-in-  
aid'. For every \$1.82 you give  
me, I'll return \$1.00 in goods  
and services."

**home...**

**for Christmas!**

A familiar thought at this season, when traditions and the  
memories of past Yuletides bring the whole family together  
again to enjoy the blessings of Christmas.

The kids who only yesterday were listening for reindeer on  
the roof may be miles away today, at school, in new jobs,  
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for Christmas.

Our most sincere Christmas Wishes for you and your entire  
family at this special Season.

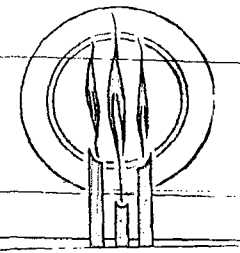
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"THE NORTH'S FINEST"

**SEASON'S**

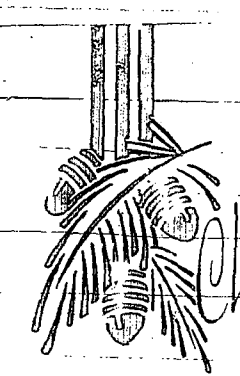
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**BEAR ARCHERY COMPANY**



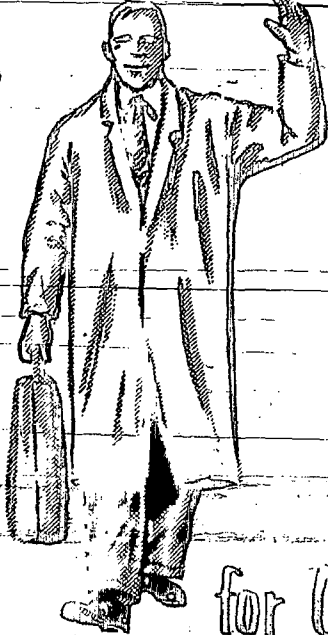
At Christmastime our thoughts again go out  
to our friends. May we express the wish that  
your Christmas radiate warmth and happiness  
in your hearts? May you have the sort of  
Christmas you hope it will be.



**MADSEN CASH LUMBER YARD**

ON M-72, EAST CLARE MADSEN, Owner

**home...**



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"THE NORTH'S FINEST"

Wishing you  
all the joys of Christmas

**HANSON'S SPORTING GOODS**

TO EACH OF YOU  
**Season's Greetings**

**McWilliams' Hardware Shop**

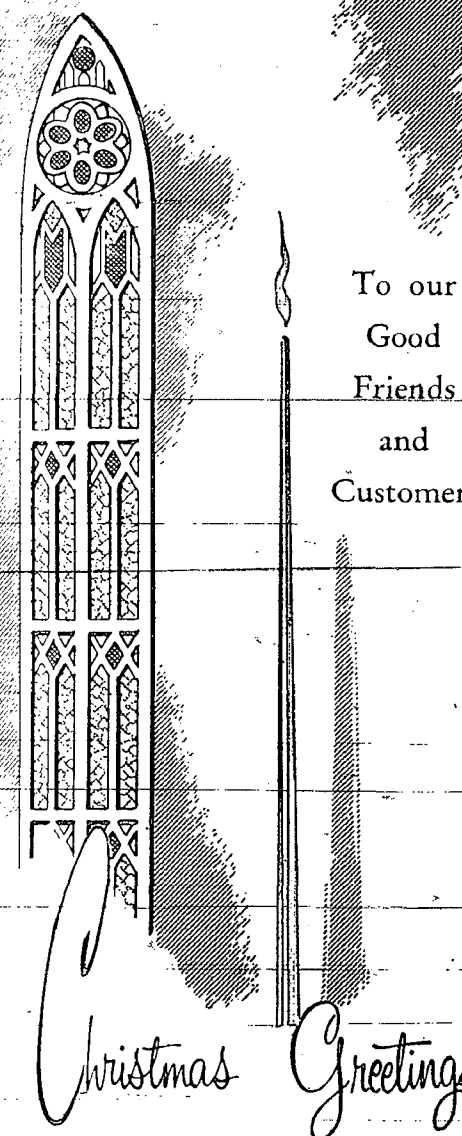


**Wm. Long**  
Plymouth - Dodge  
Sales and Service  
Frederic



# Merry Christmas

## CARL'S BEAUTY SHOP



To our  
Good  
Friends  
and  
Customers

OLSON'S

### White House Hasn't Always Had a Tree

President Theodore Roosevelt, an early conservationist, once disapproved of Christmas trees and for several years forbade any being brought into the White House. But one year, his sons, Archie and Quentin, smuggled one in and set it up in Archie's room. After the discovery, Gifford Pinchot, a great forester and conservationist who later became Governor of Pennsylvania, soothed T.R. by explaining that supervised and careful harvesting of Christmas trees—as thinings—was good for the forests because it gave other trees room to grow.

Ever since, the White House has had an indoor tree.

### Greeting Cards Came To Us From England

The thoughtful custom of sending cards to friends and relatives at Christmas comes down to us from England.

It is generally suggested by historians that the idea began with schoolboys away from home who wrote their Christmas letters on fancy paper and in fancy writing. There has been controversy through the years as to who sent the first lithographed cards. In 1941 a copy of an old Christmas card was found in the British museum and credit for the card was given to William Maw Egley, a 18-year old apprentice, in the year 1842.

#### Cole Gets Credit

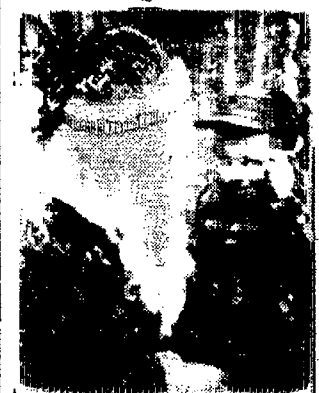
Later evidence, however, gave credit for the first card to Sir Henry Cole and lithographer John C. Horsley, in the year 1843.

Cards credited to Egley and Cole are quite similar. Each was etched in black and white and each shows drinking, dancing and holiday merriment scenes, and both carry holiday greetings.

Evidence that Egley was not the originator comes from a framed copy of the Egley card which reportedly carries a note on the back in the apprentice's handwriting.

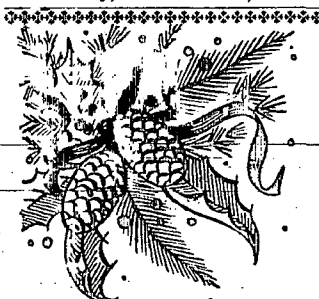
The note says the card was finished December 3, 1848 and is the "second ever published."

Cole began sending out cards to all his friends in 1848, each card bearing the message, "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." Although the cards brought fame and popularity to Cole, it was some twenty years before Christmas cards became very popular in England.



**SEASONAL SIGHT**... A bright-eyed youngster talking it over with Santa is a sure sign that the holiday is not far away. This young lad listens attentively as Santa explains why it pays to be a good boy.

### Crawford County Avalanche Thursday, December 26, 1957



Merry  
Christmas  
and a Safe  
New Year!

CORNELL'S  
INSURANCE  
AGENCY  
Bea and Willard

### Bits O' Talk

Mrs. Jerry Larke and daughter and husband of Lansing, and another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seaton of Pontiac, visited at the home of Mrs. Adam Gierke and Earl weekend before last.

Miss Karen Rasmussen of Western Michigan U at Kalamazoo arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mrs. Elmer Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rasmussen of Ft. Wayne, Ind., were weekend guests.

Mike McNeill of Boyville at Clinton arrived home Saturday to visit his parents, Mrs. Blanche McNeill, and sister Patil, through January 5th.

Mrs. John McMillan entertained her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bennett, of Central Lake, on Sunday. She returned with them Monday to spend the holidays until New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Huntington, of Eaton Rapids, visited their daughter and family, the William Josephs, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pottonall were the hosts at a dinner party in honor of Miss Sylvia Robertson and her fiancé Gerald Krausz on Saturday evening. Members of the Geological Survey office and their wives were guests. The Pettengills, son Dale Jr., and daughters Priscilla and Janey, planned to spend Christmas day with Mr. Pettengill's sister and family, the M. C. Spauldings, at Perry, Dale, Jr., is home to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knutilla and baby of Escanaba arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souders.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kenyon of Mt. Pleasant arrived Saturday to spend the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenyon. Mrs. Kenyon returned with them for a day or two, and all returned here Christmas Eve. The William Kenyons expected to remain through next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kenyon entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rance Robinson of Detroit, over the weekend.

Miss Eunice Schreiber of Muskegon Heights is spending the Christmas season through New Years with her father, Hugo Schreiber.

Carroll Gleason of Guam, who is attending school this year in Portland, Maine, arrived Friday to spend the weekend with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sherry, and sister, Elizabeth Gleason. They, with Gaytria and Darryl Daniels, expected to leave Tuesday for Ypsilanti to spend Christmas with Mrs. Sherry's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Daniels. Mr. and Mrs. Sherry and Miss Elizabeth Gleason then planned to tour through Ohio and Indiana for a few days, before returning to Tecumseh, Mich. to spend New Years with Mr. and Mrs. William Powell. Carroll Gleason was to return to his school from Ypsilanti, and little Gaytria and Darryl Daniels were to return here with the Sherrys and Elizabeth after the holidays.

Hans Andry of Central Michigan College at Mt. Pleasant arrived home Friday night to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Grace Andrews. Miss Joanne Andrews of Cadillac arrived Sunday accompanied by Karl Kobernik of Saugatuck, to spend Christmas. They planned to spend the rest of the holiday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kobernik and family, in Saugatuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dorais and son Paul left Monday night for Grand Rapids and Grand Haven, to spend a week visiting relatives.

Miss Nancy Reava of Sparrow Hospital in Lansing arrived home Saturday for a two week holiday vacation from nurses school with her mother, Mrs. Roy Johnston. Her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reava of Mt. Pleasant, arrived during the weekend to stay through Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reava and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Reava, also of Mt. Pleasant, were Christmas day visitors, as were the Burton McWilliams family also.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond, Mr. and Mrs. James Bond, Jon Bond, and Miss Joan Bond of Clare, and Mr. and Mrs. Menno Corwin, left Friday noon for Florida. They plan to tour the state, and return here the weekend of January 4th. Mrs. Laura McLeod will stay at the Bond home in their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parkinson and family spent last week in Saginaw and Bay City visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Moore and son Richard planned to spend Christmas Day with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Lipar, in Harrietta.

Miss Nellie Loss of Flint arrived Monday to visit the T. P. Petersons for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martin of Lansing were expected to spend Christmas also, and to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin.

Mrs. Ester Peterson left Sunday to visit her daughter and family, the Robert Lewises, at Garden City, for a week.

### Girl Scout News

The Grayling Girl Scout Troop No. 2 held their investiture service at the Michelson Memorial church on December 5th. There were twenty-eight who received pins. The girls also entertained their mothers at the time.

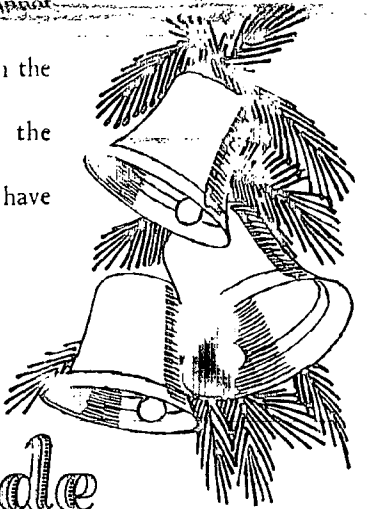
The troop made favors for the hospital patients, which were delivered last week. They also provided a canned goods shower for the folks at the Old Peoples home, which were taken there last week.

Mrs. John Ludeman is the new assistant leader of the scouts.

WISHING YOU  
Christmas greetings

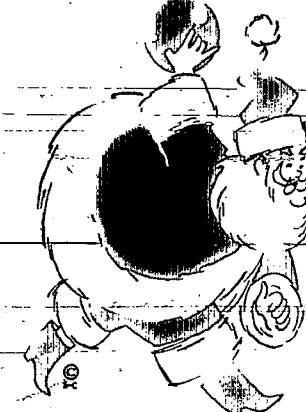
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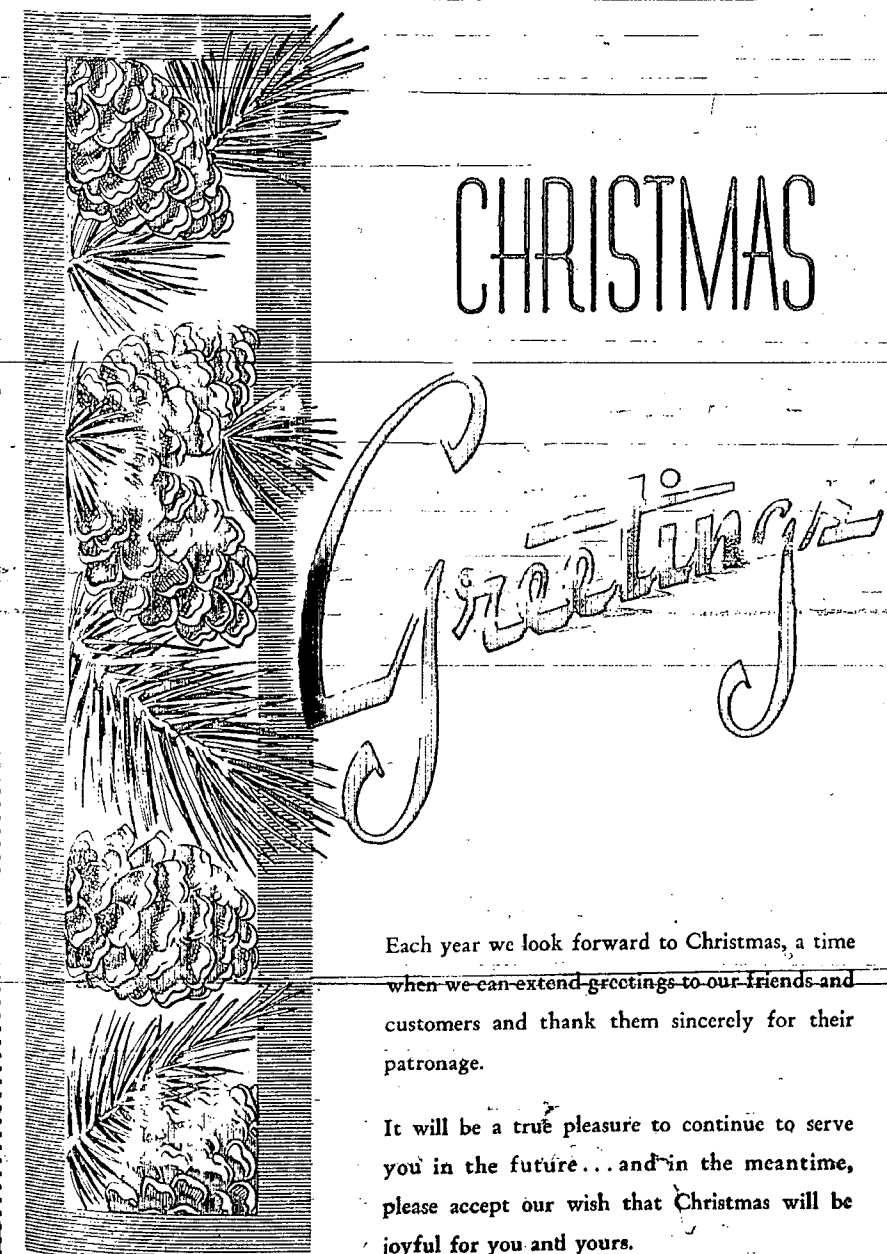
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CHRISTMAS

Greetings

Each year we look forward to Christmas, a time when we can extend greetings to our friends and customers and thank them sincerely for their patronage.

It will be a true pleasure to continue to serve you in the future...and in the meantime, please accept our wish that Christmas will be joyful for you and yours.

the pink lady



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- Frank Bond

Maybe it's a bit old-fashioned — this idea of wishing folks a Merry Christmas but we've been doing it every year for a long time and we like it! We hope we can continue for many more years, this wonderful practice of wishing our friends all the good things they so richly deserve.



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**NEW AND USED—Auto parts for most makes and model cars. Tires and batteries. Hi-Way Auto Parts, 5 miles south of Grayling on US-27. 5-28 tf**

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**FOR SALE—Modern brick crete home. Bob Tiffin, phone 5367. 8-8-14**

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**TIMBERLANDS, INC., Clare Madsen, manager. Inquire at Madsen Cash Lumber Yard, 1/4 mile east on M-72. 10-31-14**

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**FOR SALE—Three pair skates, sizes 5, 7 and 10. 501 Elm St. 19-26**

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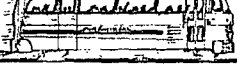
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**LOST—Beagle hound, near Cranberry Lake, Kalkaska County. Answers to name of Beau. Collar bears owners name and Crawford County license. Theodore Vismaw, 103 Villas, Phone 5037, Grayling. 26**

**RUBBER STAMPS and PADS—Also who's who. Avalanche Office. 12**

## HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



By F. L. Rowley

JENNIE BROOKS was a nurse. A young nurse. Young both in length of service and in salary. Annie, her roommate, wasn't surprised to find her frowning when she burst into the room just two days before Christmas. Jennie's meagre savings had been lined up carefully on the bedspread.

"Making up your shopping list?" asked Annie.

Jennie made a wry face. "I'm wondering whether to use this money for presents—or to spend it on a round-trip ticket home. This year I'm getting Christmas Day off, you know."

"Lucky you! I'm on duty. Say, if you need money—"

"No thank you!" Jennie said firmly.

Too Bighearted

Annie sat down on the bed beside her friend. "You wouldn't be in this fix if you weren't so bighearted," she chided.

Jennie pretended not to hear. "Maybe if I were to go home by bus—"

Jennie sighed. "Sometimes it's hard to do the right thing..."

Annie grasped her arm. "Mrs. Winters got a new bed-jacket this afternoon; there was no name on the card. Just 'Merry Christmas'!"

"Why how nice!" Jennie exclaimed innocently. "Who could have sent it to her?"

"And old Mr. Carruthers got a new pipe."

Jennie smiled brightly. "Isn't he a wonderful old gentleman? So gay—in spite of everything."

There are Rules

"You'll be gay if Wilson finds out who's handing out presents. You know it's against the rules to give or accept anything more costly than a card. And now you're short!"

The Wilson to whom she referred was the strict head nurse of Hillcrest Hospital.

Jennie sighed. "Sometimes it's hard to do the right thing; sometimes the right thing even seems cruel."

Annie nodded. "That's what rules are for, honey. And while we're at it, don't forget the rule about accepting money from patients."

Jennie stiffened. "You know me better than that!"

Annie patted her shoulder. "Sure. But I also know that old Mr. Carruthers is taking up a collection for you; all the patients on the second floor are chipping in."

Jennie gasped. "Why didn't you warn me? If Wilson finds out about it I may lose my Christmas leave."

For one wild moment she was tempted to accept the money in spite of the rules. Then she looked down at her white skirt; the white shoes. How proud she'd been to don them! Squaring her small shoulders, she decided to give Mr. Carruthers a lecture on hospital rules.

A short time later, she was passing through the vestibule when a stern voice brought her up short.

"Brooks!" Only Wilson could shout "Brooks" as though it were a vice of some sort.

Unexpected

Jennie walked uncertainly into Wilson's office. To her surprise Miss Wilson was smiling.

"Brooks, someone left an envelope here for you—there's money in it."

Jennie backed away. "The rules say we're not permitted to accept money from patients."

Wilson smiled approvingly. "Right. Yet this is somewhat different. The enclosed note is signed: Mr. Anonymous. Our rules don't quite cover a case of this nature. I'd advise you to take it Brooks—and a Merry Christmas to you!"

Jennie's eyes were damp as she left the office. Now she could get the radio and go home for Christmas too. And Mr. Carruthers, peering from his second floor window, chuckled merrily as a pert young nurse waved to him from the bus stop on the corner!

Lake Margrethe Water Level

(Information furnished by U. S. Geological Survey)

Period of record, Nov. 12, 1942 to date

Water level Dec. 19, '57 1133.83 ft

Water level Dec. 19, '56 1134.01 ft

Maximum level for period of record April 5, '43 1139.39 ft

Minimum level for period of record Sept. 24-27, '40 1133.57 ft



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## Maple Forest

By Miss Bessie Feldhauser, Mrs. Arthur Mowse and Mrs. Carrie Baynham

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovon and family are planning to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Castle in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bradstreet and son of Washington, D. C., are spending a holiday leave with their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bradstreet and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Alma.

Mrs. Best Plagens returned home on Saturday, after spending last week in Flint for therapy treatments. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Frances Hebel, and Kathleen Anderson and Judy Hylar.

Dora Feldhauser assisted at Liz's Beauty Shop on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arno Plagens, Donald and Sharon left on Sunday for New Haven and spend the holidays, after which Donald will leave to fly back to his station in Hawaii. Becky Hamblin accompanied them to Detroit, where she will visit her sister, Dawn, and accompany her home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hummel, Linda and Frank left on Saturday for Marietta, Georgia, to spend the holiday season with their son, Junior and family there. They stopped en route in Detroit to visit another son, Rolfe and family.

Archie Feldhauser who just returned from Florida to spend Christmas and the holidays with relatives here, called to see his brother, Ed Feldhauser and at the Ted Baynham home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Papenfus and family spent Saturday night in Roscommon visiting relatives.

The Christmas party was very well attended on Saturday night. The tree donated by Alfie Hummel was a dandy and the ones who decorated it, Shirley Babbitt, Becky Hamblin, Donald Plagens and Mrs. Loretta Plagens did a fine job. The short program included community singing, recitations and readings by several small children and teenagers, followed by a film of past local community interests, taken and shown by the Bud Reeds. Santa arrived in time to pass out the candy bags to all the children and then a beautiful potluck lunch was served by all.

Miss Sally Jo Smith is home for Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith.

Mrs. Opal Hamblin was hostess to the Home Extension Club on Tuesday night for the Club Christmas party. The members exchanged gifts and received gifts from their secret pals also. Our hostess' home was decorated very lovely in the Christmas spirit and there was also a small Christmas tree. The lunch also carried the theme of the season with Christmas cookies and punch and a Christmas salad. The next meeting will be held on January 7th with Dora Feldhauser as hostess.

Mrs. Lucille Howse and son, Edmond, of Howell spent Tuesday at the Arthur Howse home and with the Ernest Winslons.

Twin Bridges

Mrs. Esther Herrick

Our community Xmas party at Lovells was well attended and really enjoyed by young and old. Thanks to dear Santa's helper for stopping by to see us.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sian of Lovells had as their guests over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper of Pinconning, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Caudill of Rosebush, and Mr. and Mrs. Sian, back with him to Fort Benning, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elmers of Turner were Sunday dinner guests of the Fred Herricks.

## Frederic News

BY Mrs. Harry Horton

From the both of us to all of you, a Very Merry Christmas.

We are very sorry about the death of Ezra Highlen last week. His family lived here many years ago.

Mrs. Harry Horton is on the sick list this week.

The Leo Post family are spending the holiday season in the deep South.

The Rifle Club gave a party last Tuesday night for children from 3 to 9 years. Open house at the Sportsmen's Club. Ice cream was given out on their way in and candy on their way out. Games were enjoyed. The club members exchanged gifts and their leader, Charles Chapman, received a box of handkerchiefs and a billfold. The chaplain, Mrs. Gene Rouse received a sweater and a necklace set. All had a nice time. There was about 75 youngsters present.

After present exchange, they danced till 10 P. M. They also had a nice tree decorated also the hall was decorated in streamers and icicles and the fruit basket was given to all elderly people.

A/8C Robert Lee Carver and Miss Jean Howard of San Antonio, Texas visited Bob's grandparents, the Otis Weavers over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Carver, Mrs. Elsie Miljuro, Mrs. Bob Mitchell, Mr. Dick Weaver and Mr. Donald Weaver were here for their uncle Ezra Highlen's funeral, and visited their folks the Otis Weavers.

Mr. Elroy Barber came from Lincoln, Ill., Thursday to spend some time with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hurst (Edna Dunckley) are the proud parents of a baby boy named Richard John, weight 7 lbs. 5 oz. birth date, Dec. 11.

Mrs. Mary Dunckley spent Saturday in Petoskey shopping.

A large crowd attended the Mom's Club annual Christmas party. The menu consisted of turkey and all the trimmings. Gifts were exchanged. Games were played and all present enjoyed a very good evening.

The Good Fellowship Class annual potluck supper was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berdell Bradstreet in Maple Forest on Monday evening. Gifts were brought to be sent to the Sunnyridge children's home in Wheaton, Illinois.

Miss Edith Payne of Flint arrived on Sunday to take her mother to Flint for the Christmas holidays.

Brownie Scouts

Meeting called to order by Pres. Sherry Honschan by singing "Silent Night—Lord's Prayer was then recited by all.

Christmas carols were sung and enjoyed.

Meeting was at Town Hall with 3 tables full of girls all working some on pin cushions. Others dressing dolls and drawing in dot to dot books.

Christmas party was then discussed which will be held Saturday at 4 P. M. at leaders home. At that time, girls will also pack a box for a needy family.

Ice cream cones were then served by Gayle Post and Judith Hopkins.

The cones were donated to our Brownies by Mrs. Harry Horton. Thank you very much.

Our Christmas party was held at the home of leader, Pres. Sherry Montschan led the girls in the promise prayer recited by all. Carols were then sung by all.

Leader Mrs. Brownie told the story, "Little Miss Bump". 22 Brownie Scouts were present and Miss Vickie McDoeth was a visitor.

The girls all brought food gifts and a wonderful box was packed for a family in need.

One dozen dolls were given for other baskets to be given. Pinsettias and cookies were also given to cheer others.

Penny Dunckley, Andrea Harmer and Ann Hulbert served tello and cookies with chocolate drink.

## Pare Cheney Notes

Candy bars were presented each one from Mrs. Harry Horton. Gift exchange was then enjoyed. Mrs. Brown just can't thank the girls enough for the very nice remembrance to her.

Several girls then went to Mr. George Horton and sang two nice songs for him. He was happy and appreciated our visit so much.

Girls all received a small gift and greeting from their leader. Each took a gift home to their mom, which they helped to make. What a wonderful time we all had.

Mrs. Brown



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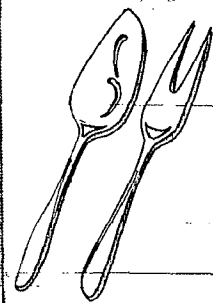
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happiness. Here's hoping all the heart-warming,  
old-fashioned joys of the season will be abundantly  
yours.

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Joy at Christmas

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## He So Loved

### He Taught the World to Love

God God so loved the world that  
He gave His only begotten Son...  
How meaningful are these words  
today, nearly two thousand years  
after the humble beginning of that  
One Great Life at Bethlehem. How  
holy and purposeful was this life  
upon earth that it comes to us  
again and again in the spirit of  
Christmas to remind that the real  
joy and the real goodness of life  
lie not in riches and gold or self  
attainment, but in thoughtful and  
unselfish service and love.  
For He so loved the world that  
He taught the world to love.  
Through one, great and wonderful  
life upon earth, He set down for  
all mankind and for all time the  
supreme example of the good life.  
In His every deed and action He  
portrayed the qualities of love and  
faith and kindness.  
These qualities—and more—are  
all a part of the Christmas. But,  
by His example, they are qualities  
that should abound in our lives  
throughout the year.  
In thankfulness to God, for all  
His goodness and love, we should  
keep the Christmas in its true and  
joyful meaning, the spiritual occa-  
sion of the birth of Christ. And if  
we can truly keep the Christmas,  
then perhaps we can keep the spir-  
it of Christ within our hearts  
throughout the year.



### LOCALS

A/3c Gary Gust of Tucson,  
Ariz., was to arrive home Monday  
on Tuesday to spend a week or  
ten days with his parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Sam Gust.  
Jack Alef and son Johnny left  
Friday for Detroit to visit his par-  
ents, the M. J. Alefs, returning  
Sunday.  
Alfred Hanson drove to Mt.  
Pleasant Friday to bring back  
Miss Deanne Herrick from Central  
Michigan College to spend the hol-  
idays with her mother, Mrs. Marie  
Herrick.

Glen Sawyer spent Saturday  
and Sunday at Waterbury, visit-  
ing his parents Mr. and Mrs.  
Edward Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roberts  
drove to Kingsley Thursday to  
pick up their mother, Mrs. George  
Smith, to accompany them to Traver-  
se City for the day. The Satur-  
day before the Roberts' visited his  
mother, Mrs. Oscar Roberts, and  
Mrs. Roberts' aunt, Mrs. Dolly  
McIntosh, at Onaway.

Mrs. Leonard Allison, Mrs. Tom  
Welsh and Mrs. Robert Strong  
were in Traverse City Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Feld-  
haus are residing at the Grayling  
Game Club for the winter.

The Club met Thursday night  
for a Christmas dinner. The  
Wharffs, then reconvened at the  
home of Mrs. William Hoffman  
for an exchange of gifts and an  
evening of cards. The hostess serv-  
ed a dessert lunch to conclude the  
evening.

John Stephan III arrived by bus  
early Friday morning to spend  
Christmas with his parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Stephan. He had flown  
from Miami, Fla., on Thurs-  
day, and planned to return to Key  
Largo to spend the winter on  
December 28th.

Mrs. Nancy McKiney left from  
Traverse City Thursday evening to  
return to her home in Denver,  
Colo., after spending six months  
with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Au-  
gustus Funck. Mr. and Mrs. Ed-  
win Funck drove her to Traverse  
City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wiseman  
of Midland spent the weekend  
visiting the Jens Ziebellis. Mr. and  
Mrs. Roger Kessler arrived Fri-  
day night to spend the holidays  
with the Ziebellis and with his  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome  
Kessler.

Alfred Hoffman, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Albert Hoffman, who is em-  
ployed by the General Telephone  
company, suffered a broken right leg  
Wednesday of last week when the  
tree which he had climbed, in the  
backyard area, snapped off below  
him. He was about 10 feet in the  
air when the tree broke and he fell  
some 10 feet to the ground when the  
accident happened. He was taken  
by ambulance to Mercy Hospital  
for treatment.

Miss Kay Ann LaMotte of CMC  
came home Friday evening to  
spend the holidays with her par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert La-  
Motte.

Major and Mrs. Phil Smith spent  
the weekend before last in Charlotte,  
N.C., with his mother, Mrs. Louise  
Smith, and in Lansing with friends  
and relatives. Mrs. Smith's mother,  
Mrs. Hazel Love, returned with  
them to spend Christmas. Steve  
Smith of Mt. Pleasant returned  
home from college Friday evening  
to spend the holidays with his  
parents.

Ralph Redhead left Friday morn-  
ing to spend the holidays with his  
sons, Ralph Jr., in Detroit, Mr.  
and Mrs. Gordon Redhead and  
family, in Oak Park, and daugh-  
ter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson  
and family, in Mt. Pleasant.

Ted Wheeler arrived home from  
Buffalo last week to spend the  
holidays with his family. He has  
been active in church fund raising  
and has been a member of the  
Wheeler and daughter, Rae, plan-  
ned to leave Tuesday for Gladwin  
to spend Christmas with her moth-  
er, Mrs. J. A. Thornton.

Mrs. Roy Johnston's daughter  
and family, the Elder and Mrs.  
Harvey Shaffer and children, Paul  
and Sharon of Cincinnati, Ohio,  
arrived Sunday evening to spend  
Christmas at the Johnston home.  
Sunday was Miss Nancy Reava's  
18th birthday and this is the first  
Christmas in six years that all of  
Mrs. Johnston's family have been  
together. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight  
Reava and baby Dee were able to  
come Sunday from Mt. Pleasant.  
Mrs. Reava and the baby remain-  
ing through Christmas, Dwight re-  
joining them Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield,  
Jr., spent Friday in Bay City on  
business. They visited brother  
Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Hatfield, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hatfield  
were hosts to the Hatfield fam-  
ily, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield,  
Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hatfield,  
Mr. and Mrs. James Hatfield,  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hatfield,  
and George Hatfield, on Sunday.  
A potluck Christmas dinner was  
enjoyed by all.

Miss Mickey Mikeseil arrived  
Friday evening to spend the hol-  
idays with her parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Walter Mikeseil.

Miss Anna Nielsen of Grand Rap-  
ids is visiting her sisters, the  
Misses Margrethe and Olga, for  
several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sherry en-  
tertained the after-game Kaffee  
Klatch Friday evening.

Mrs. Amelia Smith left Thurs-  
day for Detroit to spend the hol-  
idays with her sons, Mr. and Mrs.  
Harold Smith and family, and  
George Smith. She was accompan-  
ied by Mrs. Alonzo Heath, who  
expected to visit her daughter,  
Joyce and family during the hol-  
idays.

The Past Presidents Parley was  
held at the home of Mrs. Leo Jo-  
hanson-December 9th. Mrs. George  
Quinn was guest of honor. The  
winners were Mrs. Charles Tinker  
and Mrs. Charles Tinker. The  
year's secret plans were  
revealed, and new ones chosen.  
The hostess served a delicious  
luncheon.

Shoppetags Inn personnel  
held their annual Christmas party  
Thursday evening. An exchange  
of gifts and a light lunch con-  
cluded a very enjoyable social eve-  
ning.

The Sisters of Mercy-Hospital  
entertained the Ladies Auxiliary  
with a Christmas party Thursday  
afternoon, at the Nurses Home.  
The home was prettily decorated  
for the affair. A short business  
meeting preceded the luncheon,  
which was very tastefully served.  
In the drawing held for the doll  
given away by the Auxiliary the  
winner was Miss Linda, daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rutkowski.  
Charles Haugh of Buffalo, N. Y.,  
arrived Sunday to spend ten days  
with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
Thomas Haugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson  
left Tuesday morning, accompan-  
ied by their daughter and husband  
Mr. and Mrs. William Haggard of  
Kalkaska, for Lakewood, Ohio.  
They planned to visit Mr. and  
Mrs. Jack Richardson and new  
baby Ralph Eric, this week. The  
Haggards moved from Greenville  
to Kalkaska Tuesday of last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thane Henderson  
spent the weekend before last in  
Grand Rapids, visiting his sister,  
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith, and  
other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Henig and  
daughter Claudia were in Detroit  
over the weekend, to attend a re-  
ception at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. William Blakeney. Dr. Hen-  
ig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Char-  
les Henig, celebrated their 40th  
wedding anniversary on Sunday.  
Mrs. George Henig, celebrated  
their 50th, the same day. It was

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Smith spent  
the weekend before last in Charlotte,  
N.C., with his mother, Mrs. Louise  
Smith, and in Lansing with friends  
and relatives. Mrs. Smith's mother,  
Mrs. Hazel Love, returned with  
them to spend Christmas. Steve  
Smith of Mt. Pleasant returned  
home from college Friday evening  
to spend the holidays with his  
parents.

Ralph Redhead left Friday morn-  
ing to spend the holidays with his  
sons, Ralph Jr., in Detroit, Mr.  
and Mrs. Gordon Redhead and  
family, in Oak Park, and daugh-  
ter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson  
and family, in Mt. Pleasant.

Ted Wheeler arrived home from  
Buffalo last week to spend the  
holidays with his family. He has  
been active in church fund raising  
and has been a member of the  
Wheeler and daughter, Rae, plan-  
ned to leave Tuesday for Gladwin  
to spend Christmas with her moth-  
er, Mrs. J. A. Thornton.

Mrs. Roy Johnston's daughter  
and family, the Elder and Mrs.  
Harvey Shaffer and children, Paul  
and Sharon of Cincinnati, Ohio,  
arrived Sunday evening to spend  
Christmas at the Johnston home.  
Sunday was Miss Nancy Reava's  
18th birthday and this is the first  
Christmas in six years that all of  
Mrs. Johnston's family have been  
together. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight  
Reava and baby Dee were able to  
come Sunday from Mt. Pleasant.  
Mrs. Reava and the baby remain-  
ing through Christmas, Dwight re-  
joining them Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield,  
Jr., spent Friday in Bay City on  
business. They visited brother  
Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Hatfield, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hatfield  
were hosts to the Hatfield fam-  
ily, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield,  
Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hatfield,  
Mr. and Mrs. James Hatfield,  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hatfield,  
and George Hatfield, on Sunday.  
A potluck Christmas dinner was  
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By Jim Bourrie

### "YOUR PERSONAL CHRISTMAS TREE"

Americans will buy and dis-  
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Evergreens have  
been used win-  
ter decorations  
for thousands of  
years. Decorated  
trees are attrib-  
uted to Germans of  
the 17th century.  
Sparkling lights,  
glittering tinsel  
seem to be an out-  
ward display of  
friendliness, and  
love.

A Christmas tree can be  
a symbol of daily living. It gives  
me another slant into the true  
Christmas Spirit and original  
"Gift" to mankind... look at  
it this way.

The trunk of the tree repre-  
sents us as individuals. The  
branches are friendly contacts  
we establish from day to day.  
Our actions branch out from our  
normal sphere, and extend like  
needles, to more and more peo-  
ple. Each decoration is a friend-  
ly accomplishment acquired  
through the year.

I wonder if my "Personal  
Tree" contains many branches  
... hundreds of needles...  
lots of decorations? Does it  
spread happiness?

Life is made up of many rou-  
tine incidents. We like to re-  
member the happy things which  
usually transpire from small be-  
ginnings.

All of us at the store hope  
that your "Personal Christmas  
Tree" is loaded with life's little  
accomplishments. We enjoy the  
warm, friendly relationships we  
have with our customers, and  
take this opportunity to say  
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Make some New Year's resolu-  
tions and read our story next  
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Wishing you  
a Merry  
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From all of us  
to all of you, best  
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holiday season  
that lights up your  
hearts and homes  
with love and  
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Christmas

Rochette Shell Service

### The Night Before Christmas in Florida

'Twas the night before Christmas  
In Florida you know  
Palms swayed in the moonlight,  
(Without any snow.)

Asleep in their beds  
Were Junior and Sis,  
No need for wool blankets  
In a climate like this.

By a wide open window  
Their socks hung with care,  
Awaiting the hour  
Saint Nick would be there.

When all of a sudden,  
From out of the night  
There came a loud howl  
It gave me a fright.

I saw, by the moonlight  
A few minutes later,  
On a BIG ALLIGATOR  
The driver was hustling  
There were stockings to fill,  
The GATOR (not reindeer)  
He drove with such skill.

"Come on there old slow poke,  
Speed up to the right,  
There'll be plenty of travelin'  
For us two tonight."

The driver wore slacks,  
His sport shirt was red,  
Wore a big Panama hat  
On top of his head.

When he got off the Gator,  
He was really a sight,  
With his beard and mustache,  
So curly and white.

When he stepped in the winodw  
The children awoke,  
And both so surprised,  
That neither one spoke.

And he filled up the stockings  
With presents galore,  
That neither could think  
Of a single thing more.

When Junior recovered  
And finally spoke, he said,  
"Are you really Santa,  
Or is this just a joke?"

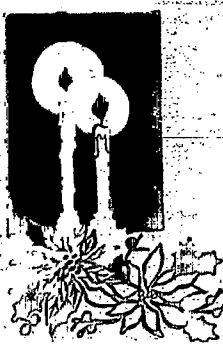
"Am I really Santa,  
Well, what do you know,  
You thought I would miss you  
Because there's no snow."

He said when he left,  
"Merry Christmas to all,  
I'm moving to Florida  
Early next fall."

— Author Unknown  
(Sent by Miss Lynn Robinson of  
Bradenton, Fla., to Mrs. Norval  
Stephan.)



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Things are tough these days for  
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some sections of the country will  
have it easier. Many post offices  
are now using caddy carts which  
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We're all aglow with warm wishes to one and  
all for their merriest Christmas ever... a happy  
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and friendship, good health, good luck and good  
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OUR GOODWILL . . .  
AT CHRISTMAS  
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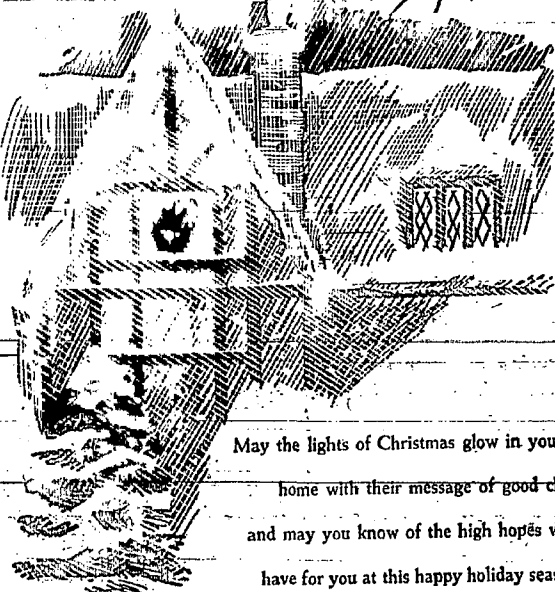
The Christmas Season has, and always will be,  
a time when men individually can express their own feelings  
of goodwill and exchange friendly greetings.

Frank and Bob's Pure Service

Merry  
Christmas

Viola June Taylor  
Branch Representative of Sherwood Music  
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Happy  
Holiday



May the lights of Christmas glow in your  
home with their message of good cheer  
and may you know of the high hopes we  
have for you at this happy holiday season.

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OF GOD  
William Ryan, pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
Church Services 11:00 A. M.  
Sunday Eve. Services 7:30 P. M.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:30 P. M.  
Beaver Creek Town Hall  
Everyone Welcome

ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
Grayling, Phone 2691  
Rev. Fr. Joseph Sakowski  
Regular Schedule  
Sunday Masses at 6:30, 8:30 and  
10:30 a. m.  
Holidays — 6:30 and 9:00 a. m.  
Weekdays at 8:00 a. m.  
Daily Eucharistic Adoration  
Sunday Masses, 5:00, 8:30 and  
10:30 a. m.

Confessions  
Saturdays — 4 to 5 p. m. and  
7:30 to 8:30 p. m.  
First Friday of each month,  
evening mass at 8:00 p. m. Confes-  
sion one hour earlier, at 7 p. m.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL  
CHURCH  
Pastor, Rev. R. C. Puffer  
Church School 9:45 a. m.  
Divine Worship 11:00 a. m.  
Intermediate School Fellowship  
8:00 p. m.  
Senior Youth Fellowship  
7:00 p. m.  
Pastor's Bible Class 7:30 p. m.  
Wed. nite Bible Class 7:30 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF  
FREDERIC  
John L. Weld, Pastor  
Sunday —  
9:45 Bible School  
10:00 Morning Worship  
7:00 Training Union  
8:00 Evening Service  
Wednesday —  
8:00 Prayer and Bible Study

FARE METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. Donald Healy  
301 Shellenburg St.  
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
Worship Service 11:00 A. M.  
Youth Fellowship 7:30 P. M.  
Evening Service 8:00 P. M.  
Prayer meeting, Thursday even-  
ing, 7:30 P. M.

Reorganized Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter Day Saints  
Corner Plum and Smith St.  
Pastor Roy Newberry  
Church School — 10:00 A. M.  
Preaching — 11:00 A. M.  
Mid-week service, Prayer 7:30 to  
8:30.

GRAYLING LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
Phone 2541  
Worship service 11 A. M.  
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Roscommon  
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Worship service 9:30 A. M.  
Sunday School 10:30 A. M.

Mt. Hope Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
Missouri Street  
Opposite Mercy Hospital  
Rev. Gordon H. Light, Pastor  
Sponsor of the Lutheran Hour  
on Station WHCR at 10:30 a. m.,  
Sunday and "This is the Life" on  
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Sunday School — 10:00 A. M.  
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Chestnut St. and US-27  
Rev. Alvin Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.  
Worship Service, 11:00 a. m.  
Youth Service, 6:15 p. m.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.  
Young People's 8:00 p. m. Mon-  
day.

Mid-Week Services  
Prayer and Everybody's Bible  
Class, Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.

LOVELLS CHAPEL  
Rev. Clare Olin  
10:30 A. M. — Sunday School  
11:30 A. M. — Chapel Service

"ASSEMBLY OF GOD"  
Rev. Robert Kolenda, Pastor  
Sunday services are held in the  
Grayling Grange Hall, 304 Spruce  
St.  
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.  
Evangelistic Services 7:30 P. M.  
Everyone welcome.  
Christmas Science Society Meeting  
Bagley Twp. Hall, US-27 South  
of Gaylord. Church and Sunday  
school services at 11:00 A. M.  
Services 8:00-11:00, second Wed-  
nesday each month.

Seventh-Day Adventist  
Meet at Camp  
AuSable, 10:00 A. M., Saturday

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL  
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Services at the Grayling Ev-  
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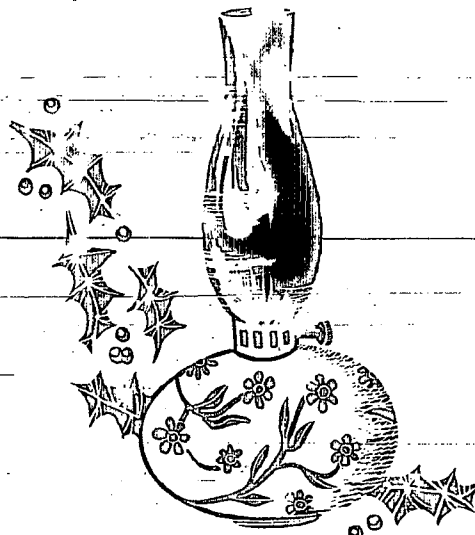
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...for we have seen his star in the east,  
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Matthew 2:2

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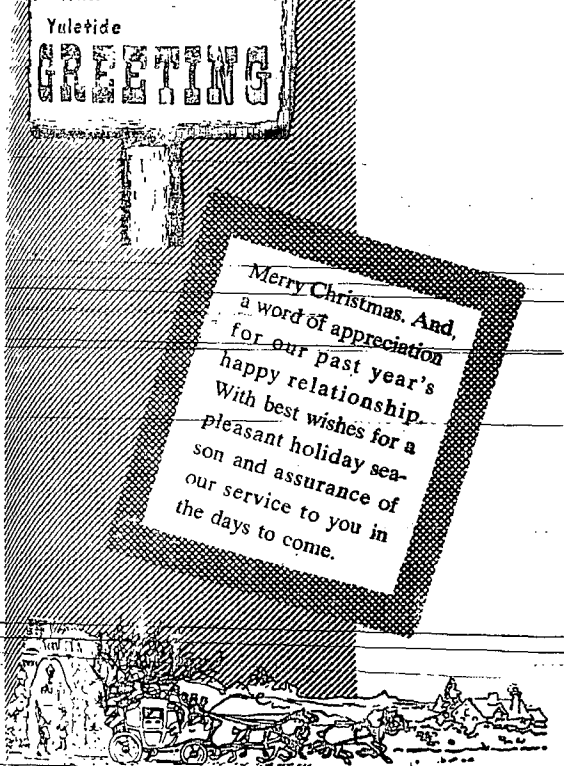
The observance of Christmas may differ among nations and peoples but stretch from the lands of snow and ice to the sunny Southern Hemisphere, but in every corner of the world the true meaning of the holiday is ever the same.

As our world has changed through the centuries since the first Christmas, so have we taken the customs of Christmas and adjusted them to our changing environment. The origin of many of these customs have been lost in the passing of time to the extent that today many burn candles in the window and adorn houses with holly and mistletoe without a passing thought as to why we use candles.

After this kerosene lamps and holly or mistletoe in preference to the winter greenery. It is custom, and we believe in following customs in one fashion or another. Customs have their place in the scheme of things, so let us keep them and, if need be, give them new meanings of our own. Yet, with all let us remember that customs and traditions are only a part of the observance of Christmas. We do not keep the Christmas merely because we observe the customs.

Let us keep Christmas in our hearts. Let us remember that it is a happy holiday, a time of joy and peace and faith and hope. More importantly, it is a time to be humbly grateful for mankind's greatest blessing—the hope of eternal salvation. Such was God's gift to the world that night at Bethlehem.

With the spirit of Christmas in our hearts we shall find deep and meaningful meanings in the customs and traditions we associate with this great holiday.



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Heartly Season's Greetings  
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FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

December 27, 1934

It was very satisfying to Grayling fans who made the trip to Gaylord last Friday night to find that the Northerners showed such an affinity for the number thirteen, but it sure was unlucky for Grayling. The Green and White Reserves edged out a 13 to 10 win, and the Varsity followed with a decisive 13 to 23 wallop which polished off a very pleasant Grayling celebration. It doesn't happen very often that anyone bumps the Blue and Gold twice in one evening on that opera house floor. The new gym is expected to be in use next season, so the Grayling teams wound up the series on that old floor in real style.

Lovely in its simplicity was the ceremony held at 11 o'clock Friday morning at the Fifth Avenue home of Mrs. P. C. Fisher, Bay City, when Miss Lillian Marie Swanson and Stewart Lincoln Rutledge of Roscommon spoke their marriage vows before the Rev. C. G. Williams of the Madison Avenue M. E. Church. Miss Margaret DeWaele of Roscommon was maid of honor. Blaine Rutledge was his brother's best man. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge left for Cleveland to spend the holidays, and on their return will make their home in Roscommon. Mrs. Rutledge is a graduate of the 1929 class of Grayling High School and recently accepted a position at the Roscommon State Savings Bank. The groom, with his brother, Blaine, are the proprietors of the Rutledge Bros. Hardware Store in Roscommon.

There has been a lot of landscaping and beautifying going on at the cemeteries and at the County Infirmary with several organizations interested in the work. Mrs. Frank Barnett representing the Civic Improvement League has taken it upon herself to push this work along by asking the help of others and as the result these places are being turned into beautiful spots. Grayling owes a lot of gratitude to Mrs. Barnett for her untiring efforts.

Miss Alice Malloy of Detroit spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Malloy.

Miss Virginia Hoell of Flint is spending the Christmas holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hoell.

A. J. Trudeau spent Christmas in Ann Arbor with Mrs. Trudeau and their son, Junior, who is a patient at the University Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Laurent enjoyed having as their guests for over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scarlett and children of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warner and two children and Benny Jorgenson and Charles Schmidt of Detroit arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Menno Corwin and daughter, Joan, spent Christmas day visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Flynn, in Rose City.

Miss Eleanor Gorman is entertaining Bud Hunter of Jackson, who came to spend Christmas and attend the Charity Ball.

Dale Parker is home from a CCC camp at Manistique visiting his mother, Mrs. Laura Parker and family, expecting to remain until New Year's day.

Misses Marguerite and Ella Hanson, who are employed in Lansing, spent the Christmas holiday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hanson.

Nels Olson, who is attending Michigan State College in Lansing, spent from Sunday to Tuesday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson.

Mrs. John Locke and Howard McKenzie of Detroit were guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson over the holidays.

Elmer Fenton spent the forepart of the week in St. Louis, Mich., visiting his mother.

Edward Mayotte spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mayotte, in Munising.

Mr. B. H. Nelson, who has been in Cadillac for the past three weeks, returned home Saturday, her daughter, Grace, driving over to accompany her home.

Helen Woodburn, Grayling senior at Central State Teachers College, was appointed to act on the entertainment committee for the Christmas party of the Apple Blossom Club.

Petitions bearing the names of 125 signers were filed with the Village Clerk on December 17th asking that the Council set a date for an election to determine

whether or not the Village shall incorporate as a fifth class city. The Village Council has made an extensive study of this question and it is upon its recommendation that petitions were circulated. According to members of the Council the cost of village government, as reflected on the tax roll, may be materially reduced by such procedure, and the electorate will be given the opportunity to benefit by the change by placing the question on the ballot at the spring election.

Dr. J. F. Cook spent from Sunday to Tuesday at the home of his parents in Alpena.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McInnis of Detroit were Christmas guests at the Roy Milnes home.

Miss Margaret Bauman entertained with a family dinner for the Hanson families at her home on Christmas Eve.

The boulevard lights on main street have been very prettily decorated with various colored lighting effects in keeping with the holiday season. The idea which is entirely new to our city has been very pleasantly accepted as quite fitting for the occasion. This plan was worked out by city engineer C. A. Miller with the cooperation of the Michigan Public Service Company.

Miss Isa Granger spent Christmas in Jackson, where she was the guest of Harley Russell.

46 Years Ago—December 26, 1911

Christmas night about seven o'clock when the social life of our citizens was being enjoyed to the full, there passed away from his humble home on the AuSable a man, who because of his race, his great age and vigor of manly strength, and by reason of his unique personality, was one of the best known characters in Northern Michigan. Very little is known of the early life of David Shoppengons except that he was

a Chippewa Indian, that he spent the most of his life in the Saginaw Valley and vicinity until he came to Grayling early in the 70's. If the most conservative estimate of his age be true he must have been a boy of three years when General Lewis Cass met the Chippewa tribe in council fire on the banks of the Saginaw in 1820, at a point on the west side where the court house now stands. If the less conservative estimate be true, he was a boy in his teens and must have known something of the grave topic discussed by his tribe with the government in that historical council. The funeral was held yesterday at the Methodist Church, where he was a member. Mr. Shoppengons had been father to several children, all of whom preceded him to their graves many years ago. He was survived by one granddaughter and one great-grandson, both of whom were with him in his last illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Oaks and family left yesterday for Flint for a week or two visit and to attend the wedding of Miss Hazel Wilson.

Miss Lucile Campbell of Newberry is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. M. Lewis.

Miss Agnes Hanson is home from the Normal School, Mt. Pleasant.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gorman at T-town early Tuesday morning.

A quiet wedding service was performed at the residence of Wm. Randolph, south side, Saturday evening last, when at seven o'clock Alfred Julius Jensen and Miss Minnie Larson were united in marriage by Rev. J. Humphrey Fleming.

Nels Peter Buck, one of our pioneers, returned from a visit to his birthplace in Denmark last week, proving by his looks that there was no famine in that land. His friends here, and they are many, will regret to learn that he has returned to make his future home in the place of his nativity.

He sold the corner block now occupied by the Lewis & Co., drug store, Salling-Hanson Co. Hardware and A. Peterson's jewelry store, with offices on the second floor, to T. Bogson, for a pretty sum.

Will McCullough, now in Detroit, was home for Christmas, returning Tuesday morning. He is a Grayling product, and of course is making good, as do all of our boys.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Clark and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson and Frank Sales spent Christmas day in Lewiston, where the orchestra furnished music for a Christmas ball.

Thorwald Peterson and Lorne Douglas are home from the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids. Mr. Peterson completed his course of study.

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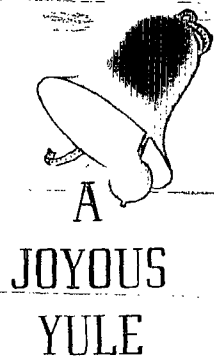
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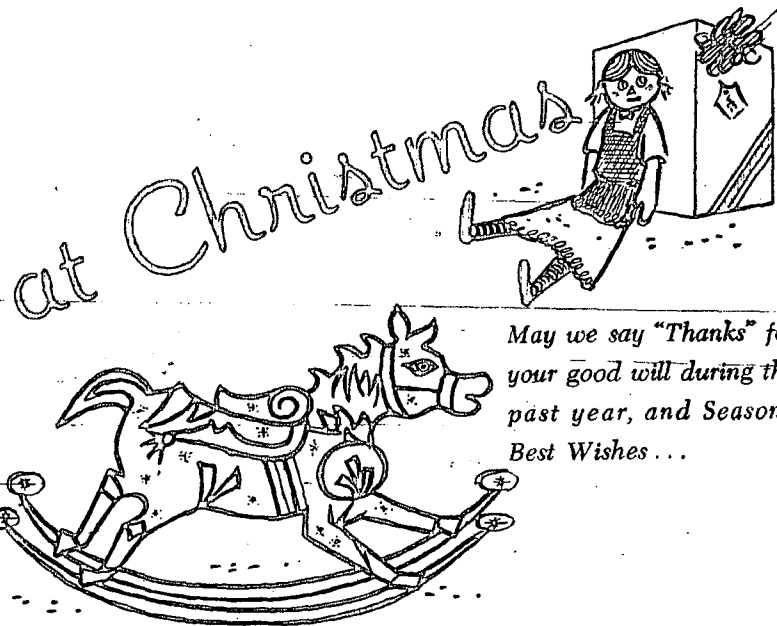
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## SEN. POTTER REPORTS...

From Washington

THE WASHINGTON PARTY CIRCUIT is something I almost never frequent because of press of important legislative duties... and with not too much regret. But sometimes I miss a party which causes me the kind of sadness a boy has when he finds his car won't go to the State fair or the circus. Such was last Saturday's party at Colby Dale Farms in Romeo, 35 miles from Detroit. The guest of honor was LONGMEADOW MINNIE, a registered Guernsey cow, who in November completed a production record that is the best of any breed on twice-a-day milking.

My curiosity about the details of that party I couldn't attend whistles questions around in my head. Was Minnie on a receiving line? Did she shake a front hoof with all the guests or did she retain the charming aloofness of cud-chewing in the meadow. Were Minnie milk shakes served instead of highballs? Were refreshments made from cheeses originating in Minnie herself? Was there a little spot of hay for Minnie on the tray? and did Minnie wear a yellow daisy over her left ear for the fete, or a lei of cowbells?

Maybe the Guernsey Cattle Club sponsoring the party will fill us in on these details?

THE FARMERS TAX GUIDE, 1957 edition is now available free at your local Internal Revenue offices and county agents. This sixty three page pamphlet gives a check list of farm income and expense categories, and information about filing requirements and return forms. Its eighteen sections also cover a variety of other subjects interesting to the farmer and agriculturist, including deductions, inventories, depreciation and the rights of the farmer if his tax return is questioned.

DETROIT'S MAYOR LOUIS MIRIAMI has joined the crowd of Mayflower II enthusiasts. A few days ago he wrote me a letter saying Michigan's metropolis will go all out to make the occasion memorable. And Mayor Miriani wants some experienced Great Lakes sailors aboard and a detachment of sea scouts.

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Here are some words from a famous Christmas message by Henry Van Dyke (1825-1933):

...there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is keeping Christmas.

These famous words have echoed through the years and yet, sadly enough, so many of us never learn the "secret" of keeping Christmas. In the hearts of the majority, Christmas is a great holiday, a festive occasion, a time of joy and peace, of sincere pleasure in the very act of giving. There is a certain spirit about the preparation for and the observance of the holiday. We follow the usual customs, we decorate and adorn our homes and firesides, and on this one day allow our hearts to be filled with joy and peace. We hold the spirit of Christmas and we cherish it until the bright lights come down and the tinsel and glitter are discarded.

Yet, how wonderful would be this world we live in if we could all keep Christmas in our hearts—all year round; if we could fill our hearts with love and do away with hatred and intolerance; if we could shun false pride and be always considerate and understanding in our relations with our fellow man; if we could replace the yearning for the gold and pleasures of the world with the virtues of faith and moral courage.

If we could do these things, we could build a better world; a world of peace and brotherhood and we would be keeping the spirit of Christmas "forever—in our hearts."

Forces of the United States continues to worry the American people and their representatives in the Congress. I am giving my utmost cooperation to all efforts to stop this rivalry from halting the speed-up of efforts in the missile field.

A lack of real interchange of information between the various service groups working in the missile programs suggests that some brass within the services have a tendency to forget the identity of the enemy. Each service's struggle to be top-dog in one field or another has a tendency to weaken rather than strengthen the over-all defense position... and keep the United States from being top-dog in the world's military picture.

LOBBIES OF EACH OF THE SERVICES have strong legislative friends here on the Hill who have always protested in the past when attempts were made to correct this situation. But at this point the American people and their representatives in the Congress are in no mood to let the defense of the United States go down the drain to back any branch of the armed forces. We simply cannot afford interservice rivalry, and I will fully support any action by the Congress or the President to put a stop to it.

ROMEO was originally an Indian village and trading point for French settlers. Sixty New England settlers (familiarly known as Shakespeare's immortal lover) named the town, famous for its orchards.

Bits O' Talk

Mrs. James Forbes and daughter, Cathy, and Mrs. Margaret Barton left Sunday for Detroit to visit Mr. Forbes and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Forbes and daughter, Lindsay, and daughter, Mrs. Marty Kitchen and daughter, Julie, for Christmas week. In Mrs. Forbes' absence Mrs. Henry Feldhauser is taking care of Western Union. The office was to be closed on Christmas day only.

Harvey Hill and daughter, Miss Lillian, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nixon and family of Bluffton, Ind., from Saturday until Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson and family of West Branch, Mo., and Mrs. E. L. Houghton, Mrs. Blanche Houghton, and Mrs. Nyland Houghton and son, Bob, were Christmas Eve dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cole.

For television repair or antenna service call 5221 Stampfly TV Sales & Service, 502 McClellan, Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Laurant and family of East Lansing arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Amos Hunter and other relatives.

Ped-Hausmann drove to Ann Arbor to bring his nephew, Alicia, here from the University of Michigan to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother and sister. They were accompanied home by Orin Lucksted, also a U. of M. student, who is assisting his parents, the Malvin Lucksted, over the holidays.

Dinner guests on Christmas day at the Leslie Goss home were Mrs.

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Tom Kearney of Michigan State U. at Lansing visited his aunt, Mrs. Bertha Peterson, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luter of Mt. Pleasant arrived Friday to

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spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong.

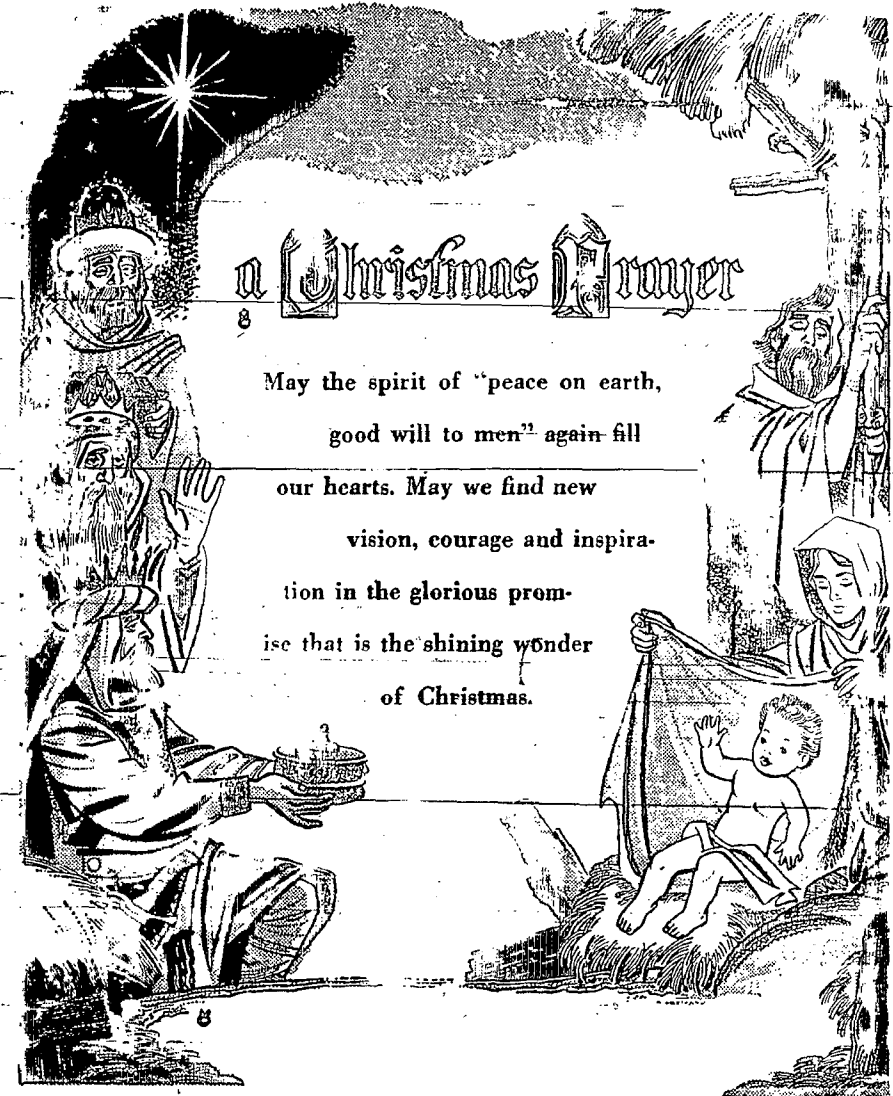
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Buron and family are visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Plegers, and his

mother, Mrs. Mary Buron, in Huron during the holidays, other relatives and friends.

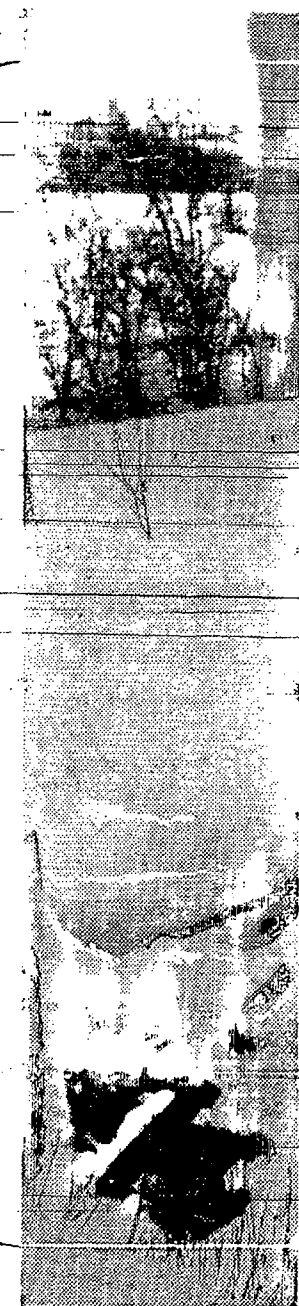
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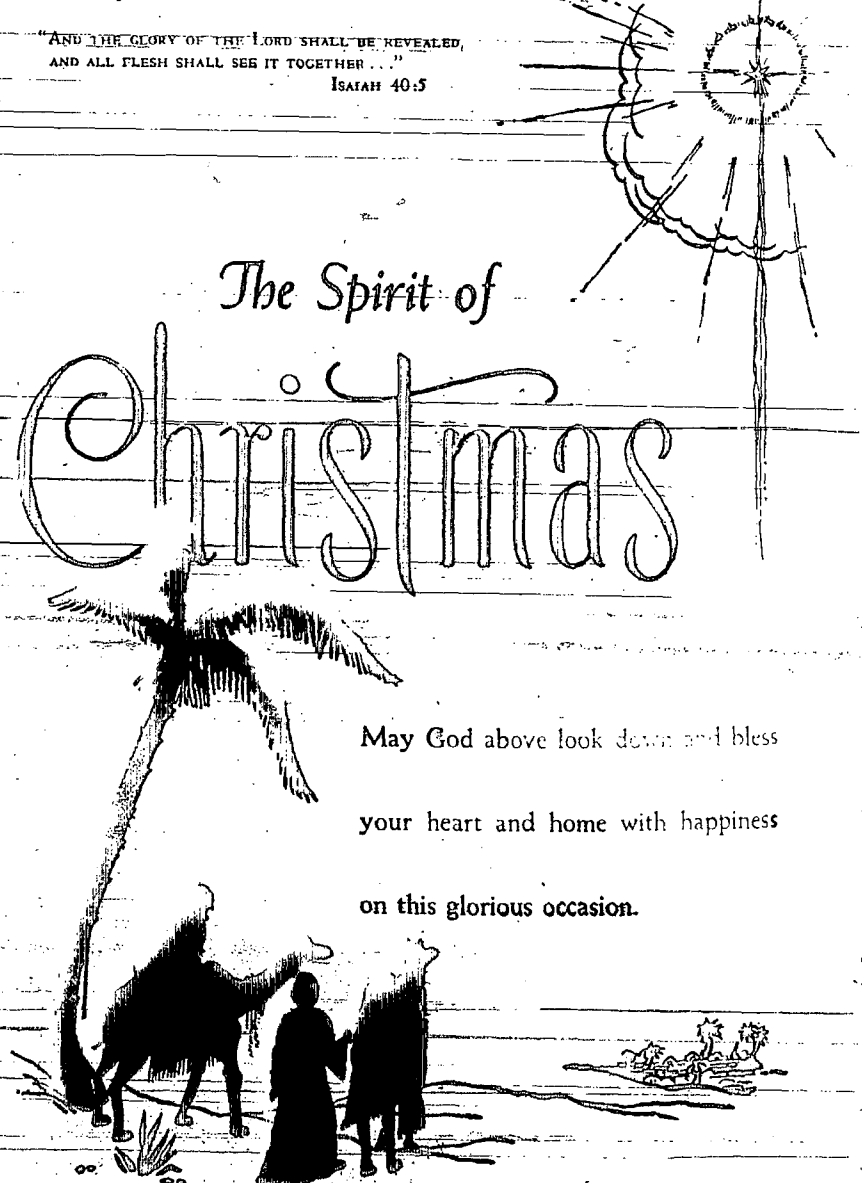
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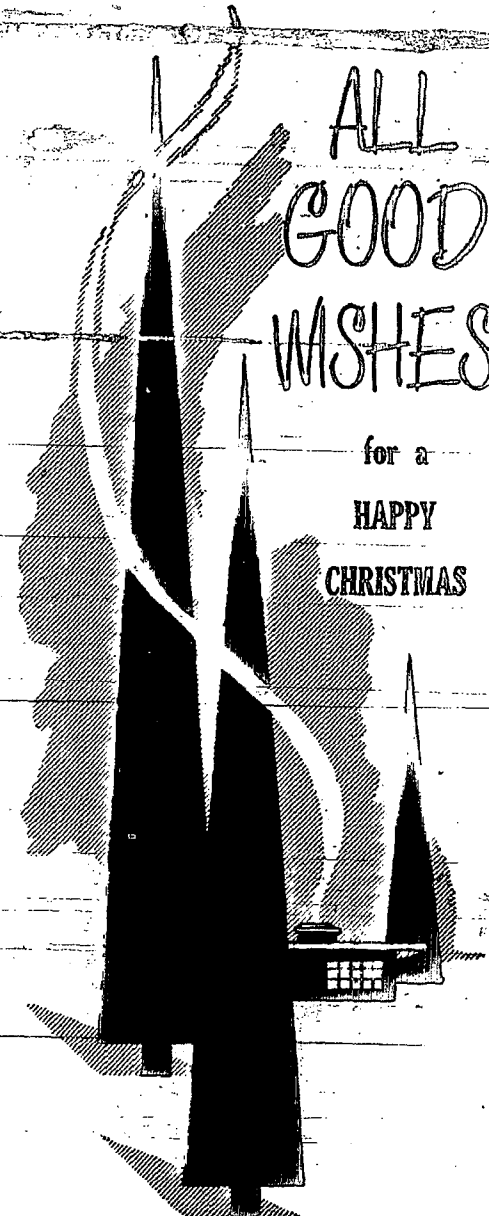
It was a night in December on this little farm that Michael Magee came in from his barn. His good wife Molly with their children three were laughing and singing, their hearts full of glee. But Michael sat down in a desolate mood while Molly kept setting the table with food. Then "Michael," says Molly, "why wearing the gloom?" "Come here to your supper or I'll use the broom." But Michael says, "Darlin' how kin you pretend

just round the bend? But Molly just grinned her lovable grin. With "Michael," my dear, Now where is the sin?" Says Michael: "The illness a month ago Sunk into our savings and left them low." "The taxes were due and the winter's expense Has just reaped me dry of dollars and cents. So how can I act and laugh with glee When I can't have money for the Xmas tree?" "Now Michael," says Molly, "you have reason to sing And to know that Xmas is on the wing." For a year ago when the day was through I sat here dreaming what to do. The Xmas bills just about had me stunned. Then read in the paper about The Xmas Fund. So I says to myself, "Now Molly Magee Your going to take out a membership fee." "Just a dollar a week is all it will mean And you can do it if your willing to scheme." It's an Xmas savings, in a simple way With an easy insurance for "That Wonderful Day." So I scheme and worked and strived and thought Of a way each week to put a dollar in the pot. Explained to the children the plans I had made. So they joined my club with the pennies they saved. Now just this day that your feeling so blue Along comes a check and not over due. "Pay to the order of Molly Magee Fifty two dollars as plain as can be." Then Michael just stared with surprise on his face. Hurried to the table with his "Blessings to Grace." Then soon that "Holy Day arrives, With love and cheer for five happy lives. The turkey is sizzling, the pudding is done, The children are playing with toys one by one. Molly is laying the table with care. While Michael is thinking as he offers a Prayer. Oh what a drab Xmas day this would be But for the good "Xmas Fund" and my Molly Magee.

—Eva Lewis

## Christmas Greetings

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HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS

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Mr. and Mrs. William Sorenson and family planned to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wardell, in Lansing, from Monday through Thursday.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lowrie are Mr. and Mrs. Al Young, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Drake spent Christmas day in Millington, visiting his parents, the Ellery Drakes, and others, expecting to return home Thursday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bryson enjoyed a holiday visit from their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lovassen and family of Pellston, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Farnham Jarrard of Appleton, Wis., arrived Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piper.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cinciala and family visited their parents, the Stanley Gatzas and the Carl Cincialas, Sr., in Bay City, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klein of Mt. Pleasant arrived Friday to visit their parents, the Robert Kleins and the Walter Mikescels, for over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Ashton and children, Clay and Kimberly of Dallas, Texas, were to be home December 20th to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ashton, until Monday, then proceed to Saginaw to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Feeters, during the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ashton of Jackson were also expected home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Barber and family were Christmas dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dean Krider of Lansing spent Christmas day with her parents, Col. and Mrs. Roy Sindinger.

Miss Phyllis Miller was in West Branch Christmas day to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Boger of Kalmar were Christmas dinner guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boger, arriving Christmas Eve.

Expected guests at the home of Mrs. Ernest Borghers and son, Don, Christmas day, were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephan and family of Cadillac, Mr. and Mrs. George Granger of Big Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Granger and family of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. John Sojka and family of Centerline.

Mrs. Ann Dobbey of Doster arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Keyport.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert entertained the former's mother, Mrs. Harrison Brown, aunt, Mrs. Ted Zeitz and grandmother, Mrs. O. A. Banta, all of Detroit, at Christmas time.

Mrs. Ella Wilcox and Mrs. Gordon Chamberlain drove to Bloomfield Hills last week and Miss Nancy Wilcox of Kingswood school accompanied them to Grayling on Wednesday to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pearsall of Memphis planned to arrive Tuesday and spend Christmas with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas.

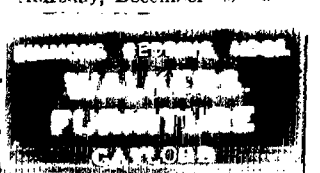
Mrs. George Sorenson, Mrs. A. J. Sorenson and Mrs. J. F. Cook spent last Wednesday in Traverse City.

Bob Strong II of Alpena arrived home to spend Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Turner

were guests of the Don Weavers for a little Christmas party Sunday evening. On Monday evening the Turners entertained the Harry Hoerls and Charles Longs with a similar party and Tuesday they left for Ohio and Kentucky to spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Derek McEvers of Detroit were expected Tuesday to visit their parents, the A. J. Sorensons and Mr. and Mrs. Harry McEvers, through Sunday.

Crawford County Avalanche Thursday, December 26 '97



## Happy Holiday Season

May we express our appreciation for your

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wishes for a Merry Christmas

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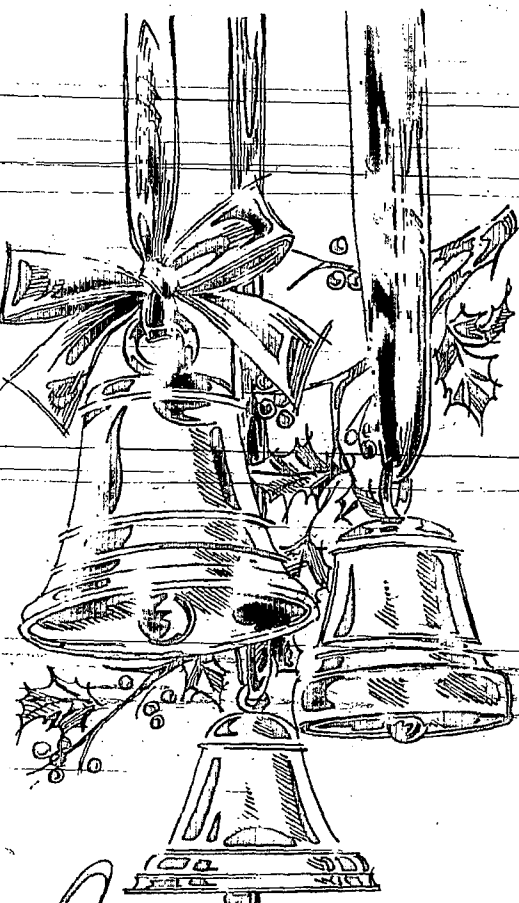
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

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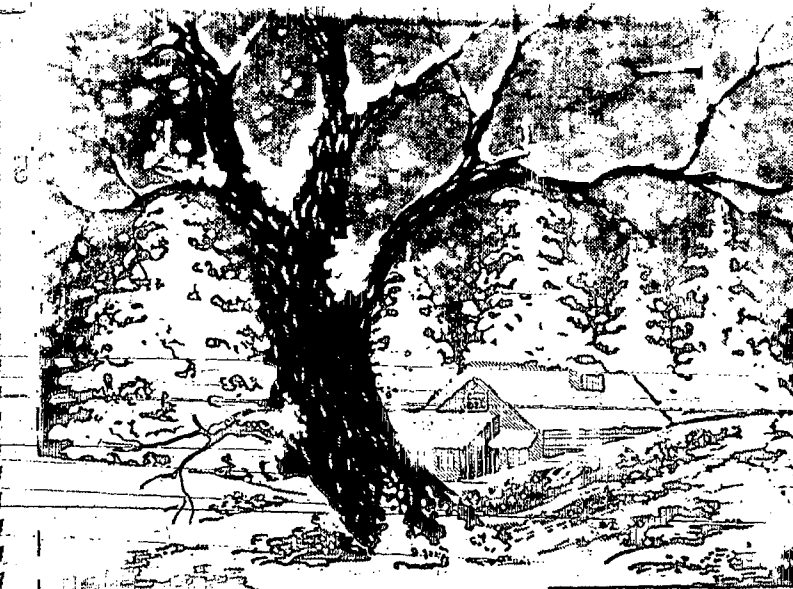
CHRISTMAS is a time for counting our blessings, for acknowledging with gratitude the loyalty of our friends, and for expressing appreciation and good wishes that the yuletide will be a joyous and happy season.

BEST Christmas WISHES  
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## Greetings

As the Season approaches, we take this opportunity to send our heartiest and most sincere greetings and to express our appreciation for your past business.

With very best wishes for the New Year



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